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THE BANK will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 12th instant, that day being a Public Holiday under the "Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881."

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C. F. MURRAY, Captain,
Honorary Secretary.

Poona Gymkhana Club, 5th Aug., 1897.

NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC are informed that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the 10th R. L. GUNS at the COLABA SOUTH FORTS, at 9-30 a.m. on MONDAY, August 9th, 1897.

W. G. GELL,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.

Bombay, Police Commissioner's Office, 5th August, 1897.

MADRAS RACES.

OCTOBER MEETING 1897.

OWNERS are reminded that the THIRD and FINAL ENTRANCES for the OCTOBER MEETING to be held at Guindy, on the 9th, 12th, 14th and 16th October, 1897, CLOSE on Wednesday, the 15th September, 1897.

Special attention is drawn to General Condition II and last para. of III.

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General Storekeeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, 4th August, 1897.

NOTICE.

ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO FILL UP A CASUAL VACANCY.

JUSTICES ELECTION.

IN consequence of the resignation of R. H. VINCENT, Esq., C.I.E., a member of the Municipal Corporation, elected by the Justices, there is a CASUAL VACANCY in the office under Section 9 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act III of 1888. I therefore pursuant to the provisions of Sections 13 (3) and 25 of the said Act hereby FIX FRIDAY, the 27th August, 1897, for a JUSTICES' ELECTION to fill up the aforesaid Casual Vacancy.

P. C. H. SNOW,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.

Municipal Offices, Bombay, 6th August, 1897.

KARACHI PORT TRUST.

DEBENTURE LOAN, 1893.—(Second issue.)

THE TRUSTEES of the Port of Karachi having been authorised, under the sanction of the Government of India, given in their letter No. 4824 A, dated 8th November 1893, Department of Finance and Commerce, and conveyed in Government of Bombay Resolution No. 757, dated 21st November, 1893, Marine Department, to RAISE A LOAN of 13 lakhs, invite Tenders for Karachi Port Trust Debentures to the extent of (10) lakhs only.

Debentures will be issued for Rs. 500 or multiples of Rs. 500 as may be required, and will bear interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly.

Under present arrangements the interest coupons will be payable at the Bank of Bombay, Bombay and Karachi.

The Loan will be repayable in 1927.

Instalments will be payable as follows:—
2 per cent. on application.
23 per cent. on 20th September, 1897.
25 per cent. on 20th December, 1897.
25 per cent. on 20th March, 1898.
25 per cent. on 20th June, 1898.

Interest will be calculated on the first instalment from date of allotment and on subsequent instalments.

Tenders paying up in full before allotment will receive interest from date of allotment.

The deposit of 2 per cent. will be returned if no allotment is made, and it will be forfeited if an allotment is not fully taken up on the last date named.

Tenders will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday, the 20th August, 1897, by the Chairman, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi.

Tenders should be submitted in a sealed cover, addressed to the Chairman, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi, and superscribed "Tender for Port Trust Loan."

Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Karachi Port Trust, and to the Bank of Bombay, Bombay.

Tenderers in Bombay may pay their instalments into the Bank of Bombay, Bombay, to credit of the Karachi Port Trust Account, and forward that Bank's receipt, for the amount so paid, with their tender.

R. GILES,
Chairman, Karachi Port Trust.

Port Trust Office, Karachi, 30th July, 1897.

MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay upto 3 P. M. on MONDAY, the 16th day of August 1897, for the supply of 2500 Casks of PORTLAND CEMENT.

Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may on payment of Rs. 5 each be obtained from the Undersigned, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. one thousand to be paid to the Chief Accountant in cash, or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the Contract.

4. A further payment to make the total deposit equivalent to 10 per cent. on the Contract amount will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,

M. C MURZBAN, P. R. I. B. A., M. I. C. E.,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.

Executive Engineer's Office, Bombay, 6th Aug., 1897.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of SHA CHUNILAL MOTILAL, late of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, deceased.

CHUNILALA CHUNILAL, the sole Executor according to the Tenor of the said Will.....Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed Deceased, are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Great of Probate.

Witness, Sir CHARLES FREDERICK FARRAN, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid, the 4th day of August, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Sixty-first Year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJI,
Acting Registrar.

The Seal of the High Court at Bombay

D. R. BINNING,
The 5th day of August 1897.

Messrs. EDGELOW and GULABCHAND,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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કાસમ હાજી મીઠા,
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CLARKE'S
WORLD-FAMED
BLOOD MIXTURE

THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER & RESTORER FOR CLEANSING and CLEARING the BLOOD from ALL IMPURITIES it cannot be too highly recommended.

For Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Skin and Blood Diseases, and Sores of all kinds, it is a never-failing and permanent Cure. It

Cures Old Sores.
Cures Sores on the Neck.
Cures Sore Legs.
Cures Blackhead or Pimples on the Face.
Cures Scurvy.
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Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.
Cures Glandular Swellings.
Clears the Blood from all Impure Matter, From whatever cause arising.
It is a real specific for Gout and Rheumatic pains.
It removes the cause from the Blood and Bones.

As this Mixture is pleasant to the taste and warranted CLEAR anything injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, the Proprietor solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value.

Translation of letter from Fiji.

The Letter of Jonathan to Mr. Dunsford.

"My Friend.—I write to you to-day to tell you about my illness. I love you very much to-day because of the medicine you gave to me. Three months I was very ill, truly, because of my leg. I could not plant yams, I could not go fishing, I could not eat or sleep; but now I am quite well again. It is truly a wonderful medicine. I beg you, Mr. Dunsford, give me one more bottle, as the month of boils is near.

"Preparation Day (Saturday), Bua, Vanua Levu.

Explanation of above Letter.

"In Fiji, at certain times of the year, both the European residents and the native themselves break out in boils, which, if not immediately seen to, not infrequently develop into terrible running sores. At these times I can conscientiously assert that I know of no better medicines than 'Clarke's Blood Mixture,' which I have used with unfailing success both among my white and black neighbours. The enclosed letter from 'Jonathan,' a Christianised Fijian, speaks for itself. For three months he had been almost a cripple, and yet one or four large bottles completely set him up. In ordinary cases even a lesser quantity will effect a cure.—I am dear Sir, yours faithfully,

"T. EDGCUMBE DUNSFORD,
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"21 June, 1892."

THOUSANDS OF TESTIMONIALS.

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CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

CAPITAL £800,000
RESERVE FUND £378,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000

HEAD OFFICE.
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Bombay.	Singapore.	Hankow.
Calcutta.	Bangkok.	Foochow.
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Colombo.	Batavia.	Yokohama.
Penang.	Surabaya.	Kobe.
Thaiping.	Hongkong.	Tientsin.
Ipoh (Shamstra).	Shanghai.	

The Corporation GRANT DRAFTS on the above Agencies and Branches; buy and receive for collection Bills of Exchange; issue Letters of Credit; and undertake general banking business.

FIXED DEPOSITS
are received for TWELVE MONTHS AT 4 PER CENT. per annum and for shorter periods at rates which may be ascertained on application.

T. FRASER,
Acting Agent.

Bombay Agency, Elphinstone Circle.

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ESTABLISHED 1863.

CAPITAL (fully paid) Frs. 200,000,000 = £8,000,000
RESERVE FUND... Frs. 40,000,000 = £1,600,000

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Receives Securities for safe custody and collects interests or dividends on same on conditions to be arranged.

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Opens deposit accounts, allowing interest on the daily balances.

Receives fixed deposits on terms to be ascertained on application.

G. TROST,
Manager.

COMPTOIR NATIONAL D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

HEAD OFFICE:—14, Rue Bergere.
LONDON 53:—Threadneedle Street, E.C.
LIVERPOOL AND MANCHESTER.

CAPITAL ...Frs. 100,000,000 (£4,000,000).

LONDON BANKERS:—
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UNION BANK OF LONDON.

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Current Deposit Accounts are opened, and interest is allowed on Daily Balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 100,000. Rates to be learned on application.

Special arrangements may be obtained on application.

Deposit Accounts are Opened for Fixed Periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

Drafts and Letters of Credit issued payable at any of the chief Commercial Towns of the World.

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Every Banking Facility, Cheques, Telephone, all necessary arrangements for receiving and despatching Correspondence, exchanging Money, letting Safes or parts thereof wherein travellers can deposit valuables from which they alone can keep in: Private Hotels, further Strong Rooms for the storage of heavy luggage, etc.

Dividend Warrants, etc., on Government Paper, and other Stocks cashed for customers without charge if remitted Home through the Bank.

Loans and Cash Credits granted on Government Paper Gold Silver, and Produce.

H. JOLY,
Acting Manager.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ...£1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000
RESERVE FUND £180,000

HEAD OFFICE:
47, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

BRANCHES:
Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Colombo, Kurrachee, Delhi, Rangoon, Mandalay, Tuticorin, Kandy, Newera Eliya, Zanzibar, Steamer Point, Aden, Cawnpore and Mombassa.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

The Bank receives Deposits fixed for 12 months at 4 per cent.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS are opened for approved Customers, and Interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 1,00,000, but no Interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 10 half-yearly.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE payable in the principal Cities of Europe, India, China, and Australia purchased or collected.

DRAFTS are granted on the Head Office and Branches of the Bank and on the principal Cities of Europe and Australia. Remittances may be made by telegram.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks, and Shares, and receives same for safe custody realising Interest and Dividends when due.

LOANS and CASH CREDITS granted on approved Securities.

H. CHALMERS,
Manager.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—MADRAS.

BRANCHES.—London, Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi, Rawal Pindee and Hangoon.

Sub-Branches Murree and Ranipettai.

BANKERS and AGENTS throughout India, Burmah, Ceylon and in London, Edinburgh and Dublin.

CAPITAL (Subscribed) ..... Rs. 40,00,000
RESERVES and REST ..... „ 16,00,000

LOCAL BOARD:—
FAZULBHOY VISRAM, Esq., C.I.E.
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FIXED DEPOSITS.—Received at 4½ per cent. per annum for 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES are offered for short term deposits during the busy season.

PRUDENTIAL FUND.—Monies are received into this account bearing half-yearly compound interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.—For Home Remittances 4 per cent. per annum.

Cheques, Bills, Hundis and Currency Notes payable where the Bank has Branches, are Collected and Credited free of charges in above interest deposit accounts.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.—2 per cent. per annum up to Rs. 10,000 in event of balance not falling below Rs. 500.

LOANS and CASH CREDITS granted on Security of Goods, Produce, Shares, House Property, &c.

Bills and Promissory notes discounted.

Investment Orders executed on the London Stock Exchange under Code with London Bankers.

Apply for Rates of business to Head Office or Branches.

By Order,
C. BERESFORD,
Manager.

Esplanade Road, Bombay 8th February, 1897.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL .....Yens 12,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL ..... „ 7,500,000
RESERVE FUND ..... „ 6,010,000

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.

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Kobe, London, Lyons, New York, San Francisco Hawaii, Shanghai, and Hongkong.

BANKERS—The LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK; The UNION BANK of LONDON: THE PARR'S BANK LIMITED.

BOMBAY AGENCY:

LIBERAL INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNT, and FIXED DEPOSITS, on Terms to be learnt on application.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on JAPAN, and the Chief Commercial places in the World.

Y. MATSUO,
Acting Agent.

Sirdar's Palace, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid up Capital	$ 100,00,000
Reserve Fund	$ 6,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$ 100,00,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS AND HEAD OFFICE IN HONGKONG.

T. JACKSON, *Chief Manager.*

London Bankers.—LONDON and COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, Ld.

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WM. ANASTASIUS JONES, Esq. (Director of the London and County Banking Co., Limited).
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EWEN CAMERON, } Managers.
G. E. NOBLE, }

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AMOY.	HANKOW.	PENANG.
BANGKOK.	HIOGO.	RANGOON.
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BOMBAY.	LYONS.	SANFRANCISCO
CALCUTTA.	MANILA.	SINGAPORE.
COLOMBO.	NAGASAKI.	SOURABAYA.
FOOCHOW.	NEW YORK.	TIENTSIN.
HAMBURG.	PEKING.	YOKOHAMA

BOMBAY AGENCY.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 1 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances of not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,50,000; but no interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 5 half-yearly.

Fixed Deposits received at 4 per cent. for 12 months, and for shorter periods, on terms which may be learnt on application.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking, Exchange, Funding and

BOMBAY BANK AND STOCK LIST

BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half-Yearly.	Cash Rate.
		Rs.	Rs.		
[illegible]	20,000	500	all	10 per cent.	1,320
[illegible]	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,295
[illegible]	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,275
[illegible]	10,000	100	75	10 p.c.	139
[illegible]	15,000				
[illegible]	1,20,000	25	all	2 pr. ct.	20
[illegible]	40,000	250	250	9 pr. ct.	225½
[illegible]	80,000	£125	all	£1-5s.	
[illegible]	40,000	£25	£12½	6pr. ct.	305

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly	
Gleaner	200	1,250	1,250	75	1,136
[illegible]	100	500	all	15 pr. ct.	45
[illegible]	200	200	200	14	1921
[illegible]	500	200	200	dvd Rs20	235
[illegible]	500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs45	530
[illegible]	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs45	1,150
[illegible]	400	250	250	Nil	950
[illegible]	1,500	500	500	dvd Rs30	775
[illegible]	300	500	500	dvd Rs30	515
[illegible]	450	450	300	dvd Rs40	337½
[illegible]	700	100	100	dvd Rs11	135
[illegible]	750	200	150	Rs 40	475
[illegible]	200	200	all	15 pr. ct.	230
[illegible]	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs75	2,210
[illegible]	4,000	250	250	dvd Rs15	260
[illegible]	7,779	100	100	Nil	par
[illegible]	900	1,000	1,000	Nil	325
[illegible]	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	330
[illegible]	5,732	625	625	dvd Rs30	355
[illegible]	743	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50	1,791
[illegible]	900	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs60	1,953
[illegible]	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs5	1,350x1
[illegible]	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs3	980
[illegible]	500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs30	1,953
[illegible]	750	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs40	880
[illegible]	1,000	500	500	15	183
[illegible]	1,212	250	250	dv Rs12½	385
[illegible]	1,300	250	250	dv Rs15	310
[illegible]	1,800	500	500	25	350
[illegible]	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	620
[illegible]	3,000	500	500	dv Rs30	1,025
[illegible]	3,000	500	500	dv Rs15	625
[illegible]	500	1,000	1,000	5	630
[illegible]	1,000	1,000	1,000	dv Rs30	1,030
[illegible]	900	500	500	dv Rs40	410xd.
[illegible]	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	365xdv.
[illegible]	1,200	1,000	1,000	dv Rs50	775
[illegible]	1,000	1,000	1,000	...	...

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

				Sugaar.
G. I. P. R. Consolidated Stock	...	£100	all	5 p. c.
B. B. & C. I. R.	...	£ 18	...	do.
Ahmedabad Prantij	...	4,000	500	400	...	615
The Tapti Valley	...	28,000	50	200	...	225

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES

			Half yearly		
Ahmedabad ad V.	700	1,000	1,000	Nil	730
Alliance	1,000	1,000	all	Nil	365
Anglo-Indian	1,340	100	100	Nil	54
Aurungabad S. & Mi. Co., Ltd.	818	1,000	1,000		1,000
Bellary S. & W. Co., Ld. (Bellary)	871	60	all	9 per ct.	
Bombay Unit	900	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.45	736
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	900	500	500	dvd Rs.50	600
Bombay Native Manufg. Co., Ld.	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	365xdv.
Britannia Mills	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs.50	775
Central India	1,000	1,000	1,000	...	...
Century Mills	1,750	100	10	dvd Rs15	170
Asiatic Fire Insurance Co. Ld.	20,000	1,000	100	...	92
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	12	45
Badhan Pile ...	5,000	100	100	12	120xd
Bombay Trading Corporation...	1,000	2 800	1,500	300	6,651
Do. New Issue	5,000	375	625	75	1,670
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	100	100	dvd	58x1
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500	5-pr. ct	301
Bombay Flour Mill	1,000	500	500	50	1,300
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	5-pr ct.	260
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	1,500	200	20	dvd Rs12	210
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co. Ld.	2 800	250	250	4 pr. ct.	375
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn.	5,000	100	10	10 pr. ct.	20
John Roberts & Co.	1,500	100	10	10 pr. ct.	195
Kemp & Co.	2,000	175	21		387
Kurrachee Landing	600	500	30	3	183
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	10	dvd Rs15	171xd
Nagpur Hotel Co	2,000	10	100	9 pr. ct.	40
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	200	...	60
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	200	50	12 pr. ct.	145
Phillips & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs 6	90
Port Canning	6,000	2,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	305
Soundy & Co.	1,000	100	100	...	60
Thacker & Co.	2,000	500	500	60	1,065x1
Thacker & Co.,	1,500	1000	500	60	1,030
Wadia Mills	9,200	250	250	100	dvd Rs14	281xd

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

English Gold	Rs.	23·9
China Leaf	"	25·8 Nomi.
Pekin, bar Gold, old	"	23·6
Do. do. new	"	25·8
Australia, bar Gold	"	25·6
Bombay bar Gold	"	23·5
Sovereigns	"	16·0
Do. Dragons	"	16·1
Silver 17	"	73·4
Do. 17½	"	73·6

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay, during the week ending 5th August :—

Station from	Address in full as received.
Goa	Francisco Caetano De Sousa, Dhobi-talao Gaiwadi in Angassaker Club.
Furtwangen	Blum.
Jawaninagar	Ramnath Hosanik, Eighth Patton near Kalbadevi.
Lahore	Munshi Ahmed Jan care of Ahmed Ali Dalal, Musafirkhana Rumoo Saith.
Sukkur	Hirsanud Kramchand.
Cutch Mandvi	Kesavji Purbhoran, Tobacco firm near Joshi Himjee Hariramoo house.
Lilo	Oriental.

DON'T LOOK OLD.—With advancing years grey ness increases. Stop this with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour and preserves the appearance.—Lockyer's The English Hair Restorer.

FRAGRANCE FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH. A few drops of the liquid "Fragrine" sprinkled on a wet tooth-brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the mouth, hardens the gums, and imparts a delightful fragrance to the breath. It gives to the teeth a pearlike purity, and to the mouth a healthy appetite. Sold by all Chemists. Manufactured by the Fragrine Co., 41, Piccadilly, London, W.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 39m. Sun sets, 6h. 32m. High water, 8-15m., 5-40a. Low water 0-8m.

P. and O. s. s. Ganges, with English mails of the 23rd ultimo, due to-day at daylight.

Lakshmi Cotton Manufacturing Company, Church Gate Street, 3 p.m.

Novelty Theatre, Shakespearian Recitals, 5-30 p.m.

Music at the Victoria Gardens, 5-45 p.m.

CRICKET.

Telegraph vs. B. V. R.

Municipal vs. Marine Battalion.

Orphanage vs. Islam Gymkhana.

B. B. and C. I. Railway vs. Army and Navy.

B. B. and C. I. Railway vs. Cathedral School.

Hindu Gymkhana vs. Y. M. C. A.

Parel Gymkhana vs. Y. M. C. A.

Rajli Brothers vs. Middlesex Regiment C. C.

Vacuum Oil Co's. C. C. vs. Albion United C. C.

R. A. vs. B. V. A.

TO-MOR OW.

Sun rises, 5h. 39m. Sun sets, 6h. 31m. High water, 7-33m. 7-10a. Low water 0-33m. 1-57a.

ARYAN SOCIAL UNION.—A social gathering of the members and well-wishers of this Union will be held at the Arya Samaj Hall, at 8-30, to-night.

RELIGIOUS LECTURE.—A lecture will be delivered in the Church Mission Hall, Girgaum, this evening, at 6-30, by Mr. R. D. Pringle. Subject : "The one way to God."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, BANDORA.—On Sunday, the 8th inst., a solemn High Mass, in honour of St. Dominick, will be celebrated at 7-30 a.m., precisely. All subscribers are requested to attend.

POSTAL NOTICE.—With effect from to-day the charges on Foreign Money Orders issued at the Town of Bombay by Schedule 37, *viz.*, 1s. 3½d. per rupee.

VELIBAI CHARITABLE DISPENSARY, NASSIK.—At the above dispensary 4,723 patients were treated in the month of July last, and of these 3,339 were Hindus, 1,227 Maloms'dans, 20 Parsees, and 66 Christians.

LECTURE.—A lecture for English-speaking Indians will be given in the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Apollo Bunder, at 5 o'clock, this evening, by Mr. Frank Anderson, B. A. Subject : A Court from which there is no Appeal."

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL.—An Organ Recital will be given in St. Thomas' Cathedral on Thursday next, the 12th instant, at 6 p.m., by Mr. F. S. Dove, the organist of St. John's Church, Colaba. A collection will be made in aid of the Cathedral Organ Fund.

LECTURE.—A public lecture will be delivered by Mr. Rustomjee Muncherjee Mobadjee, in Gujerati, in the Bhaiwalla Theosophical Society, Bombay, 37, Hornby Road, Fort, to-morrow (Sunday), at 6 p.m. Subject : "The Holy Zoroaster has prohibited the Parsis from eating Flesh.

ALLEGED THEFT BY A FEMALE SERVANT.—Hoosein Hashum, a Mahomedan, residing at Balu Street, has reported to the police that his female servant, Jeebee, absconded after robbing his child, aged ten years, while asleep on the night of the 3rd instant, of a pair of gold bangles, of the value of Rs. 100.

WAS IT A CULPABLE NEGLIGENCE ?—On Thursday evening, Mrs. Dimmock and another lady were being driven along the Gowalia Tank Road in a private victoria, when a Gold Mohur, which was being cut down in the compound of Mr. Jamsedji Merwanji Tanachund, and which projected from the compound over the road, fell on the near side of the horse and frightened it, slightly cutting and bruising the carriage step, lamp, and splashboard. The compound wall was also broken. The ladies in the carriage escaped unhurt.

MUSIC AT THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—The Band of the S. S. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme at the Victoria Gardens, this evening, at 5-45 :—

March	The G. I. P. ... Maffeggiani.
Overture	French Comedy ... Keler Bela.
Selection	Mignon ... Ambroise Thomas.
Valse	Eldorado ... Rovie.
Song	Love's Old Sweet Song ... Molloy.
Polka	Hannah ... Kuhner.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

BURGLARY AT TARDEL STREET.—Ameer Chand Bapoo, residing on the second floor of a house at Tardel Street, reported to the police, on Thursday afternoon, that his mother, Janbai, left for Mecca about six months ago, leaving her room, which is situated on the first floor of a house on the same street, in his charge. About 10 o'clock, on Thursday morning, complainant went to the room as usual, to see that everything was all right, when he found the doors on the floor wrenched off. He entered the room, and on examining the contents, discovered that a cupboard and a box had been opened by means of duplicate keys, and property, consisting of gold and silver ornaments and pieces of gold embroidered wearing apparel, of the collective value of Rs. 389, carried away.

OLD OFFENDERS.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Inspector O'Keeffe charged three men of bad repute, named Bhima Gaino, Tookaram Gaino, and Ram Khandu, with the theft of thirteen fowls, of the value of Rs. 13, the property of Shiva Bawa, a mill-hand, Mr. Nowroji Nusserwanji Cooper, Principal of the Petit Parsee Orphanage, and one Hoshang Jamsetji Mistree, of the Parel Tank Road. On the 31st ultimo Mr. Nowroji Nusserwanji Cooper reported to the police that some one broke into his poultry yard and stole a number of fowls. Superintendent Brisco instituted an inquiry, and arrested the first accused while attempting to dispose of four fowls at Chinchpooghi Hill. The accused Nos. 2 and 3 were arrested at Jacob Circle, on the following day. It was then ascertained that these men had been for some time past systematically committing thefts from the houses of persons residing at Jacob's Circle, Haines Road, Byculla, and Parel Tank Road. All the accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and also admitted previous convictions. No. 1, who is a mason by profession, and one previous conviction against him, was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment each. No. 2, a sweeper by caste, and No. 3 a mason. They were sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment each.

ASSAULT ON THE POLICE BY A PURDASSEE.—About 9 o'clock, on Thursday night, a Purdassee, named Prag Satal, aged thirty-five years, employed as a porter in the G. I. P. & C. I. Railway Company, had a fight with Ramji Hindu, named Chundra Malan, in DeLisle Road. The Police went up to the spot and attempted to arrest the Purdassee, who turned upon the police, and having taken out a penknife from his pocket, stabbed his opponent, two policemen and a townsman, and then made his escape. All the injured persons were removed to the J. J. Hospital where, on examination, it was found that policeman No. 770 had received a slight flesh incised wound, about the head and neck, none of them being of a serious nature, but necessitating his detention in the hospital for treatment. The other policeman had received a very slight puncture on the left shoulder. The townsman, whose name was Hoosein Fakao, and who had gone to the assistance of the police, had sustained an incised wound about half an-inch long and about two inches deep on the back. The mother of the accused had received a skin cut about an inch and a half in length on the right arm. Information has been circulated and a search is being made for the accused. The railway police have also been informed and men posted at different outlets of Bombay, with a view of arresting him.

THANA NEWS.—A correspondent, writing on the 5th instant, says :—Mr. Dinatraya Narayen Patwardhan, B. A., Professional Deputy Collector of the Provincial Service, Moorbad Division, is attached to the office of Huzur Deputy Collector, Thana, from the 1st instant, for six weeks in order to learn Huzur treasury accounts. Assistant Surgeon F. A. Moos, in charge of the Rustomjee Wadia Charitable Dispensary, was elected chairman of the Thana Municipality a few days ago, has resigned the chairmanship, owing to pressure of work in the Wadia Dispensary. Mr. Akbar Khan, Assistant Station Master, Deolali, on the G. I. P. Railway Line, has been appointed Deputy Station Master, Thana, vice Mr. Gonsalves, transferred to Nasik Road Station. The extra policemen at Shirpatore, who was appointed on special duty by the Thana Municipality to destroy stray pigs in the Native town has been transferred to Bandora.—There were five deaths from cholera on Monday ; two on Tuesday, and nine cases and six deaths yesterday. Mr. Atoolbhai kar, clerk in the Court of the District Judge, Thana, died of cholera on Monday. Two cases of cholera in Kopharnagar, and one in Bhiwandi. Mr. Hoshang Parel Tank Road. On the 31st ultimo Mr. Nowroji Nusserwanji Cooper reported to the police that some one broke into his poultry yard and stole a number of fowls. Superintendent Brisco instituted an inquiry, and arrested the first accused while attempting to dispose of four fowls at Chinchpooghi Hill. The accused Nos. 2 and 3 were arrested at Jacob Circle, on the following day. It was then ascertained that these men had been for some time past systematically committing thefts from the houses of persons residing at Jacob's Circle, Haines Road, Byculla, and Parel Tank Road. All the accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and also admitted previous convictions. No. 1, who is a mason by profession, and one previous conviction against him, was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment each. No. 2, a sweeper by caste, and No. 3 a mason. They were sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment each.

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THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results :—

Ward.		Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A	Upper Colaba			2
	Mid. & Lower Colaba			
	Fort, southern			
	Fort, Northern			
	Esplanade			
B	Mandvi			19
	Chukla			
	Umarkhadi			
	Dongri			
	Market			
C	Dhobi Talao			20
	Pannawadi			
	Bhuleshwar			
	Khara Talao	2		
	Khumbarwada			
	Khetwadi			
D	Girgaum			8
	Chaupatti			
	Walkeshwar			
	Mahalakshmi			
	Mazagon			
E	Tadwadi	1		50
	Second Nagpada			
	Kamathipura			
	Tandeo			
	Byculla			
F	First Nagpada			13
	Parel			
	Sewri			
	Sion			
G	Mahim			7
	Worli			
	Water Division			
	Non-Hospital & Unknown			
	Hospitals.			
	Parsee			
	Jain			
	Arthur Road			22
	St. George's			
	Grant Road			
	J. J. Hospital			
	Telegu	1		
	Goculdas Tejpal			
	Total	3	1	141

Total to date...12,708 10,739

CHOLERA.

Attacks	27
Deaths	35

WEEKLY OFFICIAL REPORT.

The following is a summary of the weekly returns in connection with the bubonic plague, prepared for the information of Government, for the week ending 6 a.m., Thursday, the 29th instant :—

HOUSES INSPECTED AS TO FITNESS FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

No. visited	251
,, condemned	0
,, requiring alteration	29
,, referred for opinion to the Engr. Dept.	1

HOUSES INSPECTED WITH REGARD TO PLAGUE CONNECTIONS.

No. visited	247
,, from which ... cases removed out of	1
,, of taps repaired	1

MEASURES ADOPTED IN HOUSES.

No. flushed and disinfected	155
,, lime-washed	138
,, of roofs opened	0
,, of floors dug up	11
,, vacated	1
,, destroyed by fire	0
,, to which disinfectants have been distributed	1,451

BOATS.

Length cleaned	16,205ft.

GULLIES.

No. flushed	2,509

HOSPITALS.

No. of patients	31
,, of deaths	4
,, of recoveries	3
,, remaining under treatment	24

WARD RETURNS.

Attacks	17
Deaths	3

TOTAL MORTALITY.

For week ending to-day	1,047
Previous week	885

EPIDEMIC AT CUTCH-MANDVIE.

The telegraphic message sent by Dr. Mason from Cutch Mandvie to the Plague Committee, yesterday, states that on Thursday last the total mortality from all causes at Cutch Mandvie was ten, out of which four deaths were due to plague—two in the hospital and two in the city.

QUARANTINE CAMP.

On Thursday there were 26 persons remaining under observation in the Wari Bunder quarantine camp, 101 persons were admitted, and five discharged, leaving 122 under observation. In the pilgrim shed at Mallet Bunder there were 41 persons under observation, out of whom 40 were discharged, leaving one person under observation.

HOSPITAL.

On Thursday evening there were in all fourteen cases under treatment in the Grant Road Hospital : ten of cholera, one of suspicious plague, and three under observation. In the Telaga Hospital there were two cases of plague under treatment. There were eleven patients in the Julai Hospital : six suffering from cholera and five from fever. In the Plague Fever Hospital there were nine in all four patients under treatment. There were two cases in the Bhatia Hospital, one of cholera and the other of plague. From the return of the Arthur Road Hospital, it appears that on Thursday there were forty-five cases remaining in the hospital ; three cases of cholera were admitted, one was discharged, and five died.

KIDNAPPING A MINOR.

AT the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. P. H. Dastur, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Inspector Sloane prosecuted Khairatali Imamali and Vazir Ali Roshan Ali, both Mahomedans, on a charge of kidnapping a girl, named Fatma, aged ten years, with intent to wrongful concealment from the lawful guardianship of her father, Wajli Dhanji, a milkman, and an owner of a buffalo shed, at Gilder Street. The accused were further charged with theft of Rs. 42 in cash, belonging to the complainant. From the evidence it appeared that the complainant resides on the third floor of a house, at the junction of Bazay and Duncan roads, while the first accused lived on the first floor of the same house. This accused used to go to the complainant's room, and had formed an acquaintance with the girl. About half-past 2 o'clock, in the afternoon of the 1st instant, complainant left the house for his stables at Gilder Street, leaving his wife asleep, and his daughter playing in the room. Taking this opportunity, the first accused went upstairs to the complainant's room and persuaded the girl to go to another room, where he gave her Rs. 2, and then to accompany him. The girl, who is the complainant's step-daughter, took the keys from a nail in the room, opened the box and gave accused Rs. 13 from it, and then left the house with him. About half-an-hour after the mother awoke, and finding the girl missing, and the box containing the money, empty, she went down stairs and asked No. 1 if he knew where the girl had gone. He replied in the negative. She thereupon went to her husband at the stables and informed him about it. The husband came home and after making all inquiries, suspected No. 1 as he was the only person having access to his room and was on friendly terms with the girl's father. Complainant, therefore, went to the police, who took No. 1, in custody. The accused at first denied all knowledge about the whereabouts of the girl, but subsequently made a statement, which led to the arrest of No. 2, at Girgaum Road on the same day. The latter, who is a cousin of No. 1, made a further statement, and took the police to the room of a house belonging to Mr. Justice Badruddin Tayabji, at 8th land, Kamathipura. The room was forced. The police opened the lock on the door with the key, produced by No. 2, and found the girl in the room. From enquiries made by the police, it appears that about 11 o'clock on the same day the two accused rented the rooms, promising to pay the rent in the evening. In the afternoon they took the girl to the place, and having locked her up went away. The police recovered Rs. 23·8·3 from a Mahomedan woman, who is an aunt of No. 1, residing at Hoorzia Street, and with whom the money had been kept by No. 1 for safe-custody. Rs. 8·2 were alleged to have been spent by the accused in purchasing articles of clothing. The first accused in his defence said that the girl Fatma had on several occasions asked him to take her away from her father's house, as she could not bear the ill-treatment of her step-mother. On the 1st instant, the girl came to him and informed him that her father had gone to the stable, and the mother was asleep, and that he would not get a better opportunity to remove her from the house. He himself did not induce the girl to leave the house, but went for No 2, who was his cousin. She had been after him for the last nine months. No 2 admitted having removed the girl from her father's house at the request of No 1, who was his relative. The magistrate convicted the first accused on charges of kidnapping the girl and receiving and disposing of stolen property, and sentenced him to an accumulated term of rigorous imprisonment for two years and six months. No 2 was found guilty of kidnapping, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

PENSIONERS' PAY DAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—May we ask you to raise your voice on our behalf against the injustice of which we have every reason to complain, viz., the manner in which the Civil Pay Office are being dealt with in the matter of our pension. For years past our allowances used to be regularly paid to us on or about the 3rd or 4th the latest, but to our great astonishment and regret these allowances have been reduced to 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th. This is certainly hard lines on those who have, more particularly in these times of plague and famine, to live on half or quarter allowances. We would ask whether these recent changes have been by the authority or sanction of Government, for as a general rule the permanent establishment are paid punctually either on the 1st or 2nd of the month, so we will wait with anxiety to see if we are to be paid or not being paid on the 2nd or 4th as before, considering that there is an ample establishment entertained to admit of some better arrangement being made to meet the difficulty, if any, so as to save the pressing inconvenience and discomfort to which we are now unnecessarily put by having to wait so long for our pension. We hope that the Accountant General will see his way to meet these our wishes and save us from troubling further in this matter whilst the remedy is in his power to correct the irregularity.—Yours, &c.,

August 5. PENSIONERS.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE B. TYABJEE.)

THE COMMISSION OF JOINT COMPANIES' AGENTS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIAN COMPANIES' ACT, AND THE MARRIAGE PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

IN October last, the above-named Association went into liquidation, and Dr. K. N. Sahiar and Mr. D. F. Chinoy, the liquidators, finding on an inspection of the books that the agents had overcharged their commission, made an affidavit in the High Court to call upon the agents to refund the commission taken in excess. The affidavit was heard by the Hon. Mr. Strachey in the end of March, and his Lordship issued summonses against Messrs. Michael De Quadros and Anthony De Quadros, the agents of the above Association, to show cause under section 214 of the Indian Companies' Act, VI of 1882, why the sum of Rs. 28,782-1-10 (being the difference between the sum taken away and the actual commission) should not be returned to the assets of the company with interest as prayed for by the liquidators. In their affidavit the liquidators stated that the Association was taken into liquidation in October last, and they were appointed liquidators. The agents were entitled to receive a commission at the rate of 5 per centum on gross receipts of the company according to the deed of agreement, but on examining the accounts, they found the agents had already taken away by way of commission a sum of Rs. 39,738-9-10 and still claim a further sum of Rs. 3,294-5-3, which would total to the amount of Rs. 43,033-2-3. Messrs. De Quadros & Co. had calculated their commission not only on actual receipts come to their hands as agents of the said company, but also on alleged constructive receipts and papers entries not so available, for the purpose of equalising accounts, *e. g.*, a typical case of a married member was put in, and her accounts shown, from which it seems that the agents had charged commission on Rs. 219-7-11 being the amount of calls estimated to result during the residue of the period of five years as fixed by Clause 29 of the said articles and on Rs. 81-14, the sum debited to call account standing to members' credit. These moneys were never received in cash. Thus the agents had taken away by way of commission on cash receipts and paper-entries a sum of Rs. 39,738-9-10 plus, whilst their actual commission amounts to Rs. 10,935-8-7 only. The liquidators were advised that Messrs. De Quadros & Co. were not entitled to charge and receive their commission in the manner they have done. They, therefore, prayed that this honorable Court would examine the conduct of Messrs. De Quadros & Co. and compel them to repay the sum of Rs. 28,782-1-10, which they sought to get and which form portion of the assets of the company they have misapplied, with interest after such rate as the Court might think just. They also prayed for a summons calling upon the said Michael De Quadros and Anthony De Quadros to show cause why the provisions of section 214 of the Indian Companies' Act, VI. of 1882 should not be put in force against them, and why they should not be compelled to repay to the said company the said sum of Rs. 28,782-1-10 ; and interest as aforesaid.

In response thereto Mr. Michael De Quadros, the senior partner of the firm, filed an affidavit in June, in which he stated that the affidavit of the liquidators. The seventh para of it was incorrect and misleading. Under Art. 22 of the Articles, each member was bound to pay in advance a monthly sum which was credited to the marriage call account of such member. Such sums were then, after deducting payments the agents would, be submitted, have been entitled to charge their commission, without doubt, as they would have been receipts of the company. Under the same articles the directors had the discretion to deduct from the amount payable to the marrying member as bonus on his marriage a lump sum calculated as therein mentioned. Thus instead of paying the whole amount of the bonus to the marrying member and then receiving from him marriage calls or the lump sum determined by the directors, the lump sum was actually deducted from the bonus, and he submitted it did not thereby become any the less a receipt of the company on which the agents were entitled to their commission of 5 per cent. With the affidavit Mr. De Quadros had annexed a detailed monthly account of his commission and had charged on cash receipts and on paper-entries.

In response thereto the liquidators got the accounts re-audited by Mr. Rustomjee Eduljee Mistry to satisfy the Court that the statements generally made in them of cash receipts and paper-entries were almost correct. Thereupon Mr. Mistry made an affidavit to the High Court, on behalf of the liquidators, in which he stated that he was an accountant in the Jubilee Manufacturing Company, and was also auditor to several public companies. At the request of the liquidators he had very carefully gone through and examined their each books for the years 1894-95 and one month's account for the year 1896-97. He found that the monies actually received in cash by the said company from the date of its incorporation to the date of its winding up amounted in the aggregate to Rs. 10,935-8-7 only, a statement which he gave in a list annexed to the affidavit. He also found certain entries in the said books showing receipts of certain monies amounting in the whole to Rs. 1,65,000 only, which entries on enquiry as to the said monies actually received in cash but they were paper-entries or constructive receipts only for monies treated as received by the agents by way of commutation on cash receipts and paper-entries a sum of Rs. 39,738-9-10 plus, whilst their actual commission amounts to Rs. 10,935-8-7 only. The liquidators were advised that Messrs. De Quadros & Co. were not entitled to charge and receive their commission in the manner they have done. They, therefore, prayed that this honorable Court would examine the conduct of Messrs. De Quadros & Co. and compel them to repay the sum of Rs. 28,782-1-10, which they sought to get and which form portion of the assets of the company they have misapplied, with interest after such rate as the Court might think just. They also prayed for a summons calling upon the said Michael De Quadros and Anthony De Quadros to show cause why the provisions of section 214 of the Indian Companies' Act, VI. of 1882 should not be put in force against them, and why they should not be compelled to repay to the said company the said sum of Rs. 28,782-1-10 ; and interest as aforesaid.

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His Lordship, after hearing counsel on both sides, in giving judgment in the case, remarked :—This is an application taken out by the liquidators calling upon the former agents of the Company, Messrs. De Quadros and Co., to show cause why they should not repay the sum of Rs. 28,782-1-10 as moneys misapplied or retained by them as agents, which they agents have become liable together with interest at 6 per cent. The circumstances under which the claim is made are as follows :—Here his Lordship quoted the 5th clause of the agreement between the Company and the Agents, by which the agents were to receive a commission of Rs 5 per cent. on the gross receipts of the Company. After further quoting articles 22, 26, 27, 29, and 99 of the Association, his Lordship stated that the amounts cla

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THE s s Kt Commander, 2,731 tons, Captain J R Duran', will sail to-day for Antwerp and Havre, with a general cargo.

THE B S P S N Co's s s Mohammudi, 1,251 tons, Captain A Eriksson, will sail to-day for Delagoa Bay, Mauritius &c., with a general cargo and 600 deck passengers.

THE Asiatic S N Co's s s Nurani, 2,870 tons, Captain J L Leftwich, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 9th July via coast ports, with a general cargo and Mr Griffiths as a cabin passenger.

THE B I S N Co's s s Baghdad, 819 tons, Captain F W Frey, arrived in harbour yesterday from Colombo 25th July via Cochelel, Calicut, Connandre, with a general cargo and three deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's ss Kola, 497 tons, Captain J W Livingstone, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi (4th August) with a general cargo as the following passengers—Mrs Seddon, Mr Sladen, Surgeon Major Birch, Mr and Mrs McMikin, Mr D' Souza, Mr Madas Mr Madhowjee and 21 deck.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—AUGUST 6.

PRINCES DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
A	Canada	1216	Staff	Zanzibar	13-8	M and Co
B	Othello	3327	Rogers	Karachi		F M & Co
C	Mohommadi	1232	Bran	Delagoa Bay	7-8	B P S N Co
D	King Arthur	1047	Owen	P Gulf	8-8	B P S N Co
G	Setos	1152	Jacob	Zanzibar	9-8	F Heyer
H	& J H M S Magdala	3340	Fleet			Royal Navy
	Do Hulk Tenasserim	1789				Do.
K	Kt Commander	2731	Durant	Antwerp	6-8	K N & Co
L	Saturnjee	547	Budroo	Marmugoa	7-8	Shepri & Co
M	Sabarmati	934	Staff	Zanzibar	13-8	M and Co
M	Mahanadi	547	Budroo	Marmugoa		Shepri & Co
O	Caina	1464	Thomas	Delagoa Bay		M & Co
P	Muttra	2046	Dumy		7-8	M M & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
3	Letimbro	1417	Belsito	China	8-8	Rubattino Co
4	D Balduino	3214	Cawpa	Genoa	17-8	N G Italiana
5	Rovenna	2046	Dumy			P & O Co
6	Shahzada	2381	Jephson	Aden	9-7	Do
12	Idar	2595	Jennings	Antwerp	11-8	E Bates & Co
13	Ship Grosvenor	516	Brebner	Mauritius	9-8	H S Sidick
15	Dumra	762	Russell	Karachee	7-8	M M & Co

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ARRIVAL.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	Baghdad s	Fry	Colombo, July 25.
	Kola s	Livingstone	Karachi, Aug. 4.
	Nurani s	Leftwich	Calcutta, July 9.

DEPARTURES.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
6	Britannia s	Parfitt	London.
	Ocianion s	Schmits	Marseilles.

The following vessels obtained their port-clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Kt Commander, Durant for Antwerp and Havre.
Mohammudy, Eriksson, for Delagoa Bay, &c.
Barq Grosvenor, Brebner, for Mauritius.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Nurani, for Calcutta, &c.
" Chindwara, for Calcutta Rangoon, &c.
" Camara, for Zanzibar, &c.
" Baghdad, for Persian Gulf, &c.

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

Caledonia s, 3229, Andrews
Othello s, 3227, Rogers
Idar s, 2595, Jennings
Haddon Hall s, 2977, Jones
D Balduino s, 3214, Canepa
Letimbro s, 1417, Belsito
Ravenna s, 2046, Denny
Setos s, 1153, Jacobs
Courland s, 745, Tenton
Grosvenor (bq), 517, Brebner
Afghan s, 1439, Barton (for sale)

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R I M S Clive Ross
R I M S Canning, John
R I M S Investigator, Oldham
R I M S Nancowry, Beauchamp
H M S Assaye, Rowland
H M S Ceylon, Channer
H M S Hulk Tenasserim
Goodridge
H M S Magdala
I G P F Margarita, Baker

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

July.
3 Leander s ..... Hamilton ..... Vizagapatam.
Clan Grant s ..... Edward ..... Liverpool, June 20.
Wardha s ..... Fausset ..... Bombay, July 24.

DEPARTURES.

August 3.—Steamer Merkara.

KARACHI.

ARRIVALS.

July.
20 Indravati s ..... Ahmed ..... Bombay.
24 Kola s ..... Livingstone ..... Bombay.
Banaduri s ..... Adam ..... Bombay.
23 Guyana s ..... Snow ..... Liverpool via Bombay

DEPARTURES.

July.
20 Indravati s ..... Ahmed ..... Bombay.
21 Dumra s ..... Russ ..... Bombay.
23 Kola s ..... Livingstone ..... Bombay.
Bahaduri s ..... Adams ..... Bombay.

VESSELS IN HARBOUR.

S S Matin, Archer, W Cooper and Co, for Bombay.
S S Roma, Storm, W Cooper and Co, for Hull.
S S Guyana, Snow, Edward Eyrie and Co.

DAILY IMPORTS.—AUGUST 6.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Lookaley Hall s—14 cases salt, Phillips and Co.

FROM LONDON.

Candia s—9 cases medicine, 4 ca es chosse, 4 cases bacon, 18 cases provision, a c, Phillips and Co.
Orienta s—3 cases medicine, &c., A M Soldor.
Caledonia s—7 cases provisions, &c., K N Curranee and Co:
11 cases stationery and Thomas and Co; 7 cases photo-materials, Babajee Sakharam and Co; 9 cases provisions etc, Phillips and Co; 34 cases oilmenstores etc, A H G Hoveris; 1 case 3 cases perfumed spirits, 39 cases 18 casks provision, Esoofally Russoojee; 6 cases chemicals, 7 cases provision, Currimbhoy Julaibhoy and Co; 16 cases tobacco, manufactured, C Eussoolji; 2 cases medicine, Oomer Hassum.

FROM HULL.

Othell s—25 bales paper, G A Latiff and Sons; 12 barrels chemicals, Adamjee Bhaglee; 12 cases writing paper, K A Hoosein.

FROM HAMBURG.

Stolzenfels s—61 casks chemicals, A M Soldor; 1 pipe portwine, M Russel and Co.
Britannia s—10 bales paper, Hussonaliy Abdoolally.

FROM TRIESTE.

Stolzenfels s—23 cases plate glass, S. L. Moolahsaibhoy Rahimbakhoo.
Amptitite s—2 cases glass beads, Essoofbhoy Cadarbhoy; 1 case stationery, Hussonally Abdoolally.

DAILY EXPORTS.—AUGUST 6.

FOR LONDON.

Britannia s—s 16½ cwt ivory, Mamooljee Hajee Adamjee.

FOR HAMBURG.

Haidoa Hall s—4,022 cwt rapeseed, John Fachiri.

FOR ANTWERP.

Idar s—1930 cwt myrabolams, Purshotum Sewjee; 7,030 cwt rapeseed, Ralli Brothers; 999 cwt castorseed, A. Blaschcek and Co.

FOR GENOA.

D Balduino s—1,093½ cwt rapeseed, John Fachiri.

FOR HONGKONG.

Letimbro s—119 cwt cloves, 7 cwt indigo, 11 bales skins, M M Essabhoy.
Ravenna s—369 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Ravenna s—15 cases indigo, D Jamnadas.

HIGH COURT.—AUGUST 7.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Tyabji.)

Suits for Hearing and Final Disposal.

Postponed Long Causes.

11-97—Hiralal M. and M.—Karmally Joo sub vs Ralph Daniel Thakurdas D and Co.—Part heard.
112-97—Ardesir H. and D.—Shivratandas P ragdas and another vs Jacherja Esaa—Dikshit and D.
217-97—Payne G and S—Purshotamdas Ludhabhai and another vs Chunilal Sakalchand and others Edgelow and G.
12-94—Little and Co—Jamsetji Nowroji Kapadia vs Pestonji Mancekji and others—F F Pavri.
59-97—Tyabji D and Co—Lukmidas Bowji vs L W G Rivett Carnac and others—Little and Co.
365-96—Janardhan and A—Framji Muncherji Madon vs Ranoji Moolji and others—K J Mantri.
127-97—Khunderao and S—Gopaldas Sitaram Agarwalla vs Sha Motilal Bhogilal Damania—Dashtary and F.
555-96—Pirojsha and M—Thaker Bhaney Hemraj vs Hakim Mohomed Esmail—Magonlal and R.
581-96—Matubai and J—Maruti rao Tukaram and another vs Babaji Mukund and Mahatre—In person.
22-95—Pestonji R and K—Hoosein Karim vs Joosub Hoosein and others—Payne G and S.
119-97—Motubai and J—Achratlal Mohunlal and others vs Jamaji Ratonji Mistry—Smetham B and Noble.
400-97—Shamrao P Arginbukah Naikin vs Falzambukah Naikin—Edgelow and G.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 5th August, 1897.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	inches 29·824
Temperature of the Air	degrees 81·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	78·1
Dew Point	76·8
Relative humidity of Air	85·5
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10)...	10·0
Maximum temperature of air (for last 24 hours) ..... degrees	83·9
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	74·0
General Directions of wind'	W 2 W
Movement of wind in 24 hours ..... miles	331
Fall of Rain	0·11
Total fall during month	1·21
.....	45·81
Additional fall of rain up to 8 a.m. of 6th August	0·42

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS, Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT.—AUGUST 5.

10 p.m. ... 81·0

FRIDAY.—AUGUST 6.

6 a.m.	81
10 a.m.	86·2
2 p.m.	81·6
2 p.m.	82·7

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of foreign messages received at Bombay, from the United Kingdom, during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 6th August, 1897.

(Differences in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	5	5	15 p.m.	21	22
Teheran	6	1	22 p.m.	1	45
Suez	6	3	0 p.m.	..	7

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 6th August, 1897.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	1	1	..	1
" Karachi	..	16	..	1
" Madras	..	27	..	1

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

FRIDAY EVENING, AUG. 6.

EXTRA allotments of Indian Council Bills were made in London yesterday amounting to 3 lakhs each on Calcutta and Madras at 1s. 3 5-16d. and 1s. 3 3-8d., respectively.

Consols declined 1-16 per cent. to 113¼. The Exchange Banks buying rate on India at 30 days' sight was 1-8d. higher at 1s. 3 1-32d. Indian Sterling Loan remained at 119, and Rupee Securities at £63 3-8. Paris quotations were unchanged at 105 and 25·10½ for., for Rentes and Exchange on London, respectively. Bar Silver was ¼d. lower in London, at 25½d. per oz., and in New York ⅞ cent. at 56 Cents per oz., while demand Exchange on London was 1-8 cent. less at 4·86 3-8 dollars.

The Bank of England's weekly return issued yesterday showed the Reserve to be 50 per cent. of the Liabilities, or 1 per cent. less than in the previous week. The Bank's rate was unaltered at 2 per cent.

Linseed was quoted at 33s. per 416lbs., August-September shipment, to Havre, sellers, via the Canal, tone of the market quiet but steady.

In Spot Mid.-American Cotton in Liverpool there was no change yesterday, and descriptions of East Indians also were as before, all round; but American arrivals were 1-64d. higher in all positions, 4 13-64d. being quoted for August delivery, and 3 55-64 for December. The market closed firmer, Surats quiet, arrivals quiet but steady. The day's sales were 12,000 bales, and the imports 2,000 bales. The Manchester market was firm at closing.

Ready Mid.-Uplands was unchanged in New York at 6 Cents per lb., while Futures for both August and December were 3 points lower at 7·52 and 7·10 Cents per lb., respectively. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 1,000 bales.

Ready Cotton is quiet to-day in our local market, and only a few purchases have been made on account of the mills at lower prices. In new Cotton there is better enquiry, and rates are nominally Re. 1 higher, owing to a report in the Bazaar that the American crop has been damaged by excessive rain; but this requires confirmation, is not generally believed, and seems hardly likely to be true in the face of Reuter's quotations for Futures, which, as shown in the preceding paragraph, are at a slight decline.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay, yesterday, were as follows:—

Cotton	1,672 bales.
Wheat	2,841 cwts.
Linseed	1,357 "
Rapeseed	11,145 "
Castorseed	331 "
Rice	45,935 "

FREIGHTS.—The market is firm; there are buyers, for September shipment, at 9s. per ton, but sellers ask 10s.

EXCHANGE.—Firm in tone, rates opened this morning at 1s. 3 5-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 7-16d. for three months' sight Bills. A moderate amount of the latter were reported for ready delivery, and there were resales to a fair extent at 1s. 3 1-32d. to 13-32d. for Telegraphic. Calcutta rates are also reported to be firm, Bank Wire being quoted there as high as 1s. 3 3-8d. Rates here close steady as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 3 5-16d.	per rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s. 3 5-16d.	"
" 3 ms' sight	1s. 3 11-32d.	"
Credits "	1s. 3 7-16d.	"
Francs "	1'62	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER continues a quiet market.

SHARES.—There has been an upward tendency in prices to-day, as shown in the changes reported in our revised list.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, AUG. 5.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firmer. Surats quiet.

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The Manchester Market has been firm.

2½ per cent. Consols	113 1-4
3 per cent. Rentes	105
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	119
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	93 3/8
Bar Silver	25 5/8

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results:—Total Bullion, £30,000,000; Decrease, £200,000; Public Deposits, £7,300,000; Decrease, £400,000; Other Deposits, £41,300,000; Decrease, £900,000; Other Securities, £28,500,000; Decrease, £200,000; Notes and Gold, £24,300,000; Decrease, £1,200,000. The Bank's Reserve is 50 per cent. of the Liabilities.

DIVINE SERVICE.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, AUGUST 8.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral. Cruickshank in E flat.—Hymns—Introit No. 7, 332. Ave Verum 324.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 467, 220 and 477. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.—Woodward in A. Anthem, The Collections are for the Fund.
Daily Matins at 8-45 a.m., and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday—Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins and Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

(Wandby Road, Esplanade.)

4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Hymns 205, 217 and 207. Psalm 34

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

(Afghan Memorial Church, Colaba.)

7 a.m.—Parade Service.—Hymns 126, 251, and Queen.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.—Hymns 318, 315 and 5.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.—Hymn 346.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 238, 193 and 27.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, (Colaba Causeway.)

11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Rev. G. C. Waker.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
(Byculla, Victoria Gardens)
9-30 a.m.—Mr. J. B. Brows.
6 p.m.—Mr. Jas Taylor.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
Marathi Services.
10-30 a.m. and 4-30 p.m.—Rev. S. Rabator.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

BOWEN CHURCH. (Apollo Bunder.)

10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Sermon by Frank Anderson Esq.
6 p.m.—Sermon by James King.

GRANT ROAD CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Sunday School.
9 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermon.

MAZAGON CHURCH. Warl Bunder.

4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Sermon.

SEAMEN'S REST, FREERE ROAD.

Service at 7-30 p.m. by Rev. F. Wood.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE. (Near School of Art.)

Incumbent.—Rev. C. Gilder.
8 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion and Sermon.—Hymns 280, 213 and 317.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.—Hymns 274, 193 and 338.

The offertories for Church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon by Rev. A. H. Bowman.—Hymns 45, 100 and 186.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon by Rev. T. Davis.—Hymns 174, 233 and 37.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BELASSIS ROAD, (Opposite Byculla Club.)

8 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Pastor H. E. Barrell will preach.
4-30 p.m.—Afternoon School.
Seats free, an invitation to all.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6½ a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral.) Preacher, Rev. Father Kera. law.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral.) Preacher, Rev. Father Biscos. Alms for the poor.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral).—Hymns 261, 191 and 319.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 240, 18 and 523.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL. (Madras time.)

7-45 a.m.—Hol

TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Aug. 6.

...liament was prorogued to-day.

...rd Chancellor read Her Majesty's speech ...:—

...rdiality of my relations with foreign Powers ...nchanged.

...otiations for peace between Turkey and ...ave been protracted, and a formal ... not yet been signed, but there ...ound for believing that all the more ...rtant matters have been adjusted, and that in ...re for an adequate indemnity the territory ...quered by Turkey will be, with a slight ...odification of the frontier, restored to Greece.

The speech then mentions the denunciation of ...e German and Belgian Commercial treaties, which ...ave prevented Her Majesty making with her Colonies such fiscal arrangements within Her Empire as seem expedient.

Allusion is then made to the fresh Anglo-Chinese Convention, establishing a more advantageous frontier between Burmah and China, and opening up the West River to European commerce.

The presence of representatives of the Colonies and India at the Jubilee ceremonies has tended to strengthen the bond of union in all parts of the Empire.

Alluding to the Famine in India, her Majesty gladly acknowledges the energy and self-sacrifice of the officers of all ranks, both European and Native, and many private persons, who with untiring zeal and an anxious desire to avoid giving offence to native feeling, laboured to save life and relieve suffering.

The improvement regarding the plague, her Majesty says, is mainly due to the energetic and judicious steps taken by the local Government to prevent its spreading.

Her Majesty then states that she has felt great pleasure in sanctioning the arrangements for enlarging the harbours of Dover and Gibralter.

With regard to the Military Manœuvres Bill, her Majesty expects it will conduce to the greater efficiency of the army.

In conclusion, her Majesty states that she has concluded a Treaty of Commerce and friendship with King Menelik.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 6.

Lord George Hamilton submitted the Indian Financial Statement to the Commons, last night, and in doing so said that roughly speaking the loss to the Government of India owing to Famine and the Plague was eight millions sterling.

The charges this year would be increased by the Famine, construction of Railways, and the Malakhand expedition; but against this was the rise in Exchange and a better harvest. When these gains had been realised, he hoped the deficit would not be much in excess of the estimate made at the beginning of the year.

He rejoiced that the Revenue from Opium was steadily diminishing, and spoke in the highest terms of the efficiency of the Indian Army, and hoped the Indian Government would overcome the predatory habits of the frontier tribesmen by improving their material condition, which he trusted would be effected by opening the road to Chitral.

He contended that it would be most desirable to increase financial decentralisation in India, in regard to which the Government were considering what arrangements could be made.

Lord George then said that it was the policy of the Government to multiply the industries of the country, thus rendering the population less dependent on the rainfall. Government did not favor wholesale expenditure on irrigation, but were determined to adhere to an increased outlay on Railway construction.

Lord Elgin, he said, had faced the many difficulties he had encountered with judgment, great courage, and unbroken success; and had all through been well supported by the local Governments, the military and civil servants.

A CONGRESS AMENDMENT.

Mr. Macneill, member for South Donegal, then moved an amendment that the House disapproves the attack on the freedom of the Press of India, and the imprisonment of British subjects without trial, and urged the extension to British subjects in India of the full privileges of the British constitution.

Lord George Hamilton said it was most unfair to compare the Indian with the British Government.

Murders, he said, had been deliberately committed for political purposes, and the natives who had been arrested were notorious men, and without doubt their arrest would give clues enabling the authorities to unravel the conspiracy.

He believed that Mr. Rand had been murdered because he drew no distinction between the poor and the rich.

The amendment on a division was rejected by ninety-seven against seventeen votes.

THE DEBATE OF THE INDIAN BUDGET.

SIR M. BHOWNUGGREE AND SIR W. WEDDERBURN.

LATER.

After Mr. Macneill's amendment had been negatived in the Commons, last night, a general discussion ensued in which Sir M. Bhownuggree, replying to Sir W. Wedderburn, said it was patent that, except to a few perverse minds, the Indian Government had combated the Famine with unprecedented efficacy.

...Blunders and credulity of Sir W. Wedderburn were, he said, inexcusable, and in his opinion Sir W. Wedderburn had discharged his duty to his Queen and country in a manner unbefitting a member of the House of Commons.

MR. GOKHALE.

Sir M. Bhownuggree then asked why the names of Mr. Gokhale's correspondents had been withheld so long and that, since their letters were not forthcoming, we were entitled to believe they were fictitious.

THE REFUSAL TO ADMIT TURKISH SHIPS TO CRETAN WATERS.

LONDON, Aug. 6.

In the House of Commons, last night, Mr. Goschen, replying to a question, said the foreign Admirals had decided not to admit Turkish Gunboats to Cretan waters, and that Turkey had been informed of this.

LIEUT. AYERST'S WIDOW.

Lord George Hamilton, in reply to a question, said the Government would carefully consider any recommendation of the Indian Government for an extra allowance to Lieut. Ayerst's widow.

DEATH OF DR. BICKERSTETH.

The Right Rev. Doctor Bickersteth, Protestant Bishop of Japan, died at Swindon, yesterday.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, Aug. 5.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Shannon, with the outward mails of the 30th ultimo, arrived here at 6 p.m., to-day.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, Aug. 5.

MALAKHAND ALLOWANCES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Aug. 6.

In the event of the Malakhand reserve Brigade being moved beyond Hoti Mardan it will become entitled to the concessions and privileges authorised for the Malakhand Field Force.

Staff Officers will draw pay from the date of their joining.

QUIET AT MALAKHAND.

All continues quiet at Malakhand. A Cavalry reconnoissance has just been made into the Upper Swat Valley, but no opposition was met with.

Colonel Meiklejohn, yesterday, destroyed a dispensary built last year by the Khan of Dir and named after the late Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, as it has been found to command Chakdara Fort, and was used by the enemy during the recent siege.

THE TOCHI VALLEY.

Everything is reported to be quiet in the Tochi Valley.

PICRIC ACID.

Picric acid is declared an explosive within the meaning of the Explosives Act except when in solution or under manufacture or storage or with special precautions.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

Foreign Department—Surgeon-Captain Farmer is appointed to the Medical charge of the Bundelkhand Political Agency.

Public Works Department—The services of Lieutenants Wilkinson and Hearne, Royal Engineers, are replaced temporarily at the disposal of the Military Department for the Field Service.

Military Department.—Colonel Kempster is confirmed as Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras Command, vice Brigadier-General Ventris, succeeding Brigadier-General Gatacre, on the latter's appointment to the Staff at Aldershot.

Lieutenant Gaunt, 4th Dragoons, is appointed Orderly Officer to the General Commanding the 1st Brigade, Malakhand Field Force. Lieutenant Byron, R. A., is appointed Orderly Officer to the General Commanding the 2nd Brigade. Lieutenant Grant is appointed Field Paymaster.

Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. Machonachie, I.M.S., Bombay, is gazetted as retiring from the 22nd June last.

Lieutenant-Colonel Newnham-Smith, Cantonment Magistrate, Poona, and Major O'Donnell, Assistant Political Agent, Kathiawar, are transferred to the Supernumerary List.

Marine Department—Engineer Torrie is promoted to be Chief Engineer, vice Gadsden, appointed Inspector of Machinery, Bombay Dockyard.

Assistant Engineer Tucker is promoted to be Engineer.

Lieutenant Doveton, Bombay Lancers, officiates as Squadron Officer, 13th Bengal Lancers.

Mr. J. Hamilton officiates as Deputy Postmaster-General, Sind, vice Mr. Wait, granted privilege leave; Messrs. Barton, Grove, and Welsh each receiving acting promotion.

Executive Engineer Couchman is appointed Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, Bombay; the notification appointing Lieutenant Wilkinson to this post being now cancelled.

The services of the Revd. Mackay, Scotch Chaplain, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bombay. The Revd. Smith, officiating Chaplain, Jubbulpur, is appointed Chaplain at Nowgong.

A long list of native officers and non-commissioned officers of Colonel Bunny's force who are granted the Order of Merit for service at Maizar, appears in this week's "Gazette."

THE FAMINE.

Complete figures are now available, and show that the total numbers under famine relief throughout India and Burma have dropped to slightly one-third of a million. Madras continues to have more people under relief than any other province, and cattle are still dying of starvation in parts of the Deccan. The prices on the whole are perhaps a shade easier, but no material change has occurred.

IMPORTATION OF TEA INTO RUSSIA.

NO PROHIBITION.

The "Gazette" contains a letter from the Hon. Mr. Curzon quoting a statement of the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, to the effect that no prohibition against the importation of tea into Russia is in existence, and that the process of disinfection, which has been enforced, and which is only applied to the outer covering of the chests, could not possibly cause any injury to the tea.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, Aug. 6.

Military Works Department—Under instructions from the Army Head-quarters, Major Blunt, Royal Engineers, is transferred from Mhow Division, Military Works, for service with the Malakhand Field Force. Captain Kemp, Royal Engineers, transferred from Kamptee and posted to the charge of Mhow Division, Military Works.

Second-Lieutenant Henderson, 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, has passed the examination laid down in para. 120, G., Army Regulations, India, Vol. II, for retention in the Indian Staff Corps.

The undermentioned has been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty:—Sub-Conductor Parkin, Ordnance Department.

Major Montgomery, Lieutenant-Colonel Penrose, Staff Corps, is granted leave for eleven months to proceed out of India, on private affairs. Under the leave rules for the Staff Corps (pension service twentieth year commenced 1st March 1897), the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty. Captain Lee Vismes, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 10th Bombay Light Infantry, for one year pension service fourteenth year commenced 10th August 1896. The undermentioned are granted leave of absence:—Royal Artillery—Lieutenant Stallard, 22nd Field Battery, six months, medical certificate. 4th Bombay Cavalry—Lieutenant Gordon, four months, extension, on medical certificate. 25th Bombay Infantry—Captain Thompson, extension of six months, medical certificate. 26th Bombay Rifles.—Surgeon Captain Burnett, three months, medical certificate. 2nd Bombay Grenadiers—Second Lieutenant Luckhardt, three months, medical certificate. Durham Light Infantry—Second Lieutenant Way, from 24th July to 15th September, pending embarkation for India. 21st Bombay Infantry—Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Mein, seven days, from 12th to 18th June, on private affairs. Ordnance Department—Sub-Conductor Parkin, on extension, to wait passag on September.

CRICKET: POONA GYMKHANA VS. PRESIDENCY HINDUS.

A cricket match was played, to-day, between Poona Gymkhana and Mr. Dhondi's Eleven. Mr. Dhondi brought the best Eleven Hindus of the Presidency to try conclusion with the Gymkhana. Unfortunately the weather was not favourable. The Gymkhana won the toss and went in to bat. Captain Greig played a careful game, making 203 (not out.) Bradford was stumped by Modak after he made 29, Captain Lewis and Mr, Fairfax made 14 each, Deas (not out) 9, and Browne 4. The rest are still to play.

The score had reached 75 runs, for four wickets down, when rain stopped further play, which will be resumed ro-morrow,

JUNIOR POLO TOURNAMENT.

Four matches were programmed out, to-day, in the Junior Polo Tournament, but owing to rain only one match was played at Kirkee. At the commencement a smart shower of rain fell and made the ground somewhat slippery. The match was played between the 2nd Lancers and the Lucknow Gymkhana, which was very creditable to Captain Loudy, late Aide-de-Camp to General Naixne, who brought the team from so far.

The 2nd Lancers were composed of—Dafedar Shanderrao, first; Hewlett, second; Major Gordon, third; Jamedar Hambirrao, back. Lucknow Gymkhana—Mr. Stewart, first; Captains Lecky, second; and Curzon third; Mr. Herbert, back. The umpires were Captain Campbell and Mr Ashburner.

In the first chukker the Lancers drove the ball straight into the Lucknow Gymkhana, and scored their first goal in five minutes. Lucknow *nil*. In second chukker, r Lucknow played well, and had a defensive game, all through they scored two goals and the Lancers *nil*. In the third chukker, Captain Curzon had a fall. The score was two goals all. In the fourth chukker, the Lancers scored a subsidiary. In the fifth chukker Lucknow scored a subsidiary. The Lancers won by four goals to Lucknow three goals and two subsidiaries.

GYMKHANA AT GANESHKHIND POSTPONED.

In consequence of the Polo Tournament having been prolonged the Gymkhana at Ganeshkhind has been postponed to Saturday, 14th instant.

EXTRA RACE.

There will be an extra day's races on Tuesday.

RAIN IN POONA.

It has been raining hard since last night. The famine is now nearly averted. The river is very much higher.

THE BURMA COUNCIL.

RANGOON, Aug. 6.

The *Burma Gazette* notifies that the following gentlemen have been appointed members of the Council of the Lieutenant-Governor of Burma:—Messrs. James Emile Bridges, officiating Financial Commissioner; Edward Spence Symes, C. I. E., Chief Secretary; Charles Gerwien Bayne, Revenue Secretary; Frank Campbell Gates, Secretary; John Lowis, officiating Government Advocate; Messrs. Alexander Penneycuick and John Mac... five members, U. Gaung, ...ngyi, and Hkun Saing, ...w.

MONSOON FORECAST.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Aug. 6.

The Meteorological Department have now issued a forecast of the probable nature of the remaining months of the monsoon. It appears that, whereas the conditions in May were very similar to those of the same months last year, and consequently unfavourable, a change has since set in. There has been no heavy or prolonged snowfall during the past two months in the Himalayas, and though in the Arabian Sea monsoon current is much below the normal strength, there was no succession of cyclonic storms such as made the distribution of the rains so irregular last year. Although, therefore, it is probable that the rains will cease somewhat earlier than usual in Upper India, Mr. Elliot thinks the rainfall is likely to continue to be favourably distributed and without any serious breaks. In years most closely resembling the present one the rains ceased in the first or second week of September. The conditions are unfavourable in Sind, West Rajputana, and the western districts of the Punjab, also in Kathiawar and Gujarat, and Mr. Elliott thinks the rainfall will be in defect in these areas. He is further of opinion that the rains will be defective in East Punjab in August while in September the early closing of the rainfall is likely to affect the Punjab, Rajputana, and perhaps, Central India. In the North-West Provinces, Bihar, and Chotah Nagpur, Mr. Elliott expects a normal rainfall, in August with a tendency to excess in September, while in Bengal the rainfall is likely to be normal in August and October and tending to excess in September.

The forecast continues: The conditions are favourable in Bengal and Assam, and these provinces will probably receive satisfactory rain during the next two months. The conditions are somewhat unfavourable in the Central Provinces and North Deccan, due to the present position, though low pressure, but the abnormal conditions will probably pass away in September. They will hence probably receive less than their normal rain in August and favourable rain in September.

The forecast adds: The data is too scanty and unreliable to enable much to be said about the prospects in Upper and Central Burma, but the conditions are on the whole favourable in Lower Burma and Tenasserim.

In conclusion, Mr. Elliott points out that the very abnormal character of the weather in the Arabian Sea and the unsteadiness of the Bombay current introduces a greater element of uncertainty than usual into the forecast.

REORGANISATION OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The Hon. Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna presided at the adjourned special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation, held yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the question of the reorganisation of the Health Department. There were also present:—Mr. T. W. Caffe, Professor O.V. Muller, the Hon. Mr. A. M. Dharamsi, Dr. Cowasji Hormusji, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Messrs. Ibrahim Rahimtula, K. M. Kabraji, and K. M. Shroff.

The Committee resumed consideration of the sixth recommendation of the Committee of the Corporation as under:—That the present appointments of Registrars of Births and Deaths be abolished and that the duties of such registrars be performed by the Deputy Health Officers—who have been appointed under the authority of the Corporation, No. 8310 of 19th December 1899.

After some discussion it was resolved to postpone the matter as the question of registration was still under consideration. The Committee next considered the seventh proposal of the Committee of the Corporation:—That under the new scheme the Health Officer's duties generally should be to act as Chief Sanitary Officer and Advisor of the Commissioner; that he should be responsible for the preparations of the laboratory, analytical and bacteriological work in connection with chemical and other examination of all kinds of food and drink intended for for human consumption.

Dr. Viegas proposed that a trained sanitary expert be brought from England, and that he should be entrusted with the reorganisation of the Health Department.

The Chairman ruled it out of order.

Dr. Katrak then moved that under the new scheme the Health Officer should be a sanitary expert possessing a complete knowledge of sanitation as required in the present state of science and that he should be able to carry on the work of analysis and bacteriological examination.

This was also ruled *ultra vires*.

Professor Muller said that the proposal was *ultra vires*, as it was pointed out the other day at the Corporation meeting that no officer could be asked to vacate the post until the present incumbent vacated his post.

Mr. Caffe remarked that it was only about six months ago that the present Health Officer was unanimously re-elected and the Corporation entered into a contract with him for a period of five years more. It was by their own free will that the Corporation re-elected the present Health Officer. If the Corporation were to turn roundnow and say that they did not require his services they would be in the position of people who did not know their own minds. The Corporation ought to have told that officer in a straightforward manner at the time of re-electing him that they intended to suppress the office. The above examination scheme was proposed because they found that the present system did not work satisfactorily. Their primary object was to get good representative men who were experienced in the matter of sanitation to cleanse the town and look after its sanitation. Admittedly their Health Officer did not possess all the modern qualifications as understood in sanitary matters, but still he (Mr. Caffe) did not think it was fair on the part of the Corporation, after having entered into contract with him, to ask him at that stage to go. It was a question of principle and common honesty.

Dr. Cowasji did not think a body like the Corporation would at this stage ask the Health Officer to go.

Mr. Kabraji moved the adoption of the seventh recommendation.

Dr. Cowasjee Hormusji seconded the proposition.

The Hon. Mr. Dharamsi proposed an amendment that in the opinion of the Standing Committee when the appointment of the Health Officer became vacan the head of the department should be a sanitary expert who possessed a complete knowledge of sanitation as required in the present condition of science, and that he should be able to carry on the work of analytical and bacteriological examination.

After some further discussion Mr. Dharamsi omitted the words bacteriological examination.

Mr. Ibranim Rahimtulla seconded the amendment, which was carried.

The eighth recommendation was as under:—That a fully equipped laboratory should be established and a competent analyst, who should also be a bacteriologist, be employed under the Health Officer in order to provide for the regular examination of articles intended for use human food or drink.

Professor Hankin, who was present at the meeting, being asked what would be the initial cost of a laboratory contemplated by the Committee's recommendation, said that it would be between ten and twenty thousand rupees. He preferred to send in a written report on the matter.

On the motion of Mr. Cuffe it was then resolved to postpone consideration of the question until the next meeting, and that in the mean time the Commissioner be asked to favour the Committee with his opinion whether, having regard to the present condition of the Municipal funds, he considered it imperatively necessary that provision should be made for the establishment and maintenance of a laboratory at present.

The Committee then adjourned until Tuesday next.

DEPARTURE OF MR. R. H. VINCENT.

Mr. R. H. Vincent, C.I.E., the Commissioner of Police, left Bombay by yesterday's mail steamer from the Ballard Pier, where an unusual demonstration of the goodwill and esteem of a large portion of the citizens awaited him. From an early hour many people collected at the pier to wish him *bon voyage*, and good health and happiness in his native land; and all the European police officers, and most of the Native officers were present to offer parting greetings to their chief, who, it was believed, intended to retire on pension on the expiration of his leave on furlough. Flowers are the symbols of goodwill and heartiness of parting greetings according to native ideas; and many of the native friends of the retiring Commissioner were accompanied with basket-loads of garlands and bouquets of flowers intended for presentation to him. Among those present were: Messrs. P. C. H. Snow, H. W. Barrow, G. H. Gell, R. H. Vincent, junior, and F.H. Vincent, sons of the Commissioner of Police, the Hon. Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna, the Rev. Mr. Greig, Messrs. S. Rebsch, Playfair Reynolds, Ghellabhai Haridas, Sirdar Mir Abdool Ali, head of the Criminal Investigation Department, Sirdar Oomer Jamal, Sirdar Cassum Hajee Mitha, Dr. Weir, Messrs. J. Leask, F. Soundy, F. Goldsmith, Superintendent of the G. I. P. Railway Police, Surgeon-Captain Esdaile, of the Goculdas Hospital, Dr. E. F. Underwood, Dr. C. H. Underwood, Messrs. J. H. Du Boulay, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, A. Panton, Traffic Manager, Bombay Port Trust, H. Kennedy, Inspector-General of Police, Mir Aun Ali, Premchand Roychund, M. H. Khan, Kallandas Keshavdas, Dr. N. N. Katrak. Messrs. Gordhandas Goculdas Tejpali, Vinayek R. Luxmonjee, Anandrao N. Wasudeo, Dadabhai Nasarwanjee Kerawalla, Framji Bhikajee, Ramchandra R. Dhardari, Raojee V. J. Sunkeresett, Shewjee Nathu, Shaik Abdul Curtas, Mirza Mahomed Ali, Aga Mahomed Hadi Dedoshty, Nyabai Dannes, Damodar Tapidas, Hajibhoy Lalljee, Ressaldar Azmutulla Khan, Messrs. Dawoodbhoy Moosabhoy, Moloobhoy Janmahomed, Aga Mahomed Dedoshty, etc. The whole of the Commissioner's office establishment was in attendance. A guard-of-honour, consisting of sixty men of the armed police, under a Native officer, attended to do honour to Mr. Vincent, who went and inspected them, and thanked them for the trouble they had taken. As the time for departure approached, the presentation of garlands and bouquets of flowers commenced; and Mr. Vincent was a most smothered with the aromatic loads which were pressed upon him in all directions. As the steam-launch moved away from the pier, hearty cheers were given for the departing Police Commissioner.

Among the other passengers by the steamer were the Hon. T. Conlan, Lieut-Colonel Kennedy, Administrator of the Navanagar State, Dr. Herbert, Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, and Mr. J. P. Baird, late Traffic Manager of the Bombay Port Trust.

TABLE TALK.

[BY WALTER BESANT.]

LONDON, July 17.

Some two months ago I presented a very curious story, taken from an American paper, of an adoption, or an introduction, of children who were imposed upon the husband as his own by his wife, the self-styled mother. I thought at the time that the story was unique. Nothing, however, is unique. The things of to-day—is it not also the things of yesterday? That which has been, that shall be again, whether of virtue or the contrary. I have received in illustration of this profound remark another story of adoption or introduction. It belongs to a London suburb, and is took place twenty years ago. There was a young married couple of professional condition and very poor. They were Roman Catholics, a fact which would not be mentioned but that it led to ultimate exposure. They had six children, and their poverty caused so large a family to be a perpetual drag upon them. It was observed afterwards that every child has been born unexpectedly. The reason of this was that every child had been bought by the so called mother. Her one maid-servant alone knew the secret. Why the woman did this thing; why she deceived her husband; why she loaded herself and him with additional burdens which they could ill-afford; it is impossible to say. Imagine, if you can, a woman in very poor circumstances, unable to keep a nurse, of her own accord undertaking the duties of mother and provider for six children belonging to other people. Soon after the sixth child has been bought the real mother applied to have it back, on the ground that she would not allow her child to be brought up a Roman Catholic. The husband, who suspected nothing at first indignantly refused to give up the child—his child. He was, however, presently forced, by evidence incontestable, to acknowledge that he had been deceived. Three other children were afterwards claimed by their mothers in like manner and in turn surrendered. After this the husband, no doubt in terror lest the others should also be taken from him, preferred to lie down and die. There remained the two eldest, who were never claimed. On the death of her husband the widow sent the boy to sea as a common sailor, the girl she sent to Brussels to school, but the maid who had her in charge deserted her at a hotel, either by instructions or out of the spontaneous wickedness of her own evil heart, and then the girl was found and taken care of by *La Belle Samaritaine*, who is generally about somewhere. Meantime the supposed mother, who was a colonial by birth, returned to her own people and was no more heard of. I wonder if she narrated her history for the edification of the family. This is the story as it was told to me. The narrator may be a novelist, a fabulist, a fabricator of fibs. I cannot say. Perhaps there is not a word of truth in it. There, however, is the story; and, as it stated, it is a very pretty story of apparently purposeless deception. It is as if, for the sake of carrying through triumphantly a monstrous lie, the perpetrator was ready to submit to anykind of subsequent privation, and to incur any amount of subsequent responsibility, without a murmur. Find me, if you can, any other motive for this extraordinary crime. Here is a note on a run through Kent by rail on a midsummer morning. It is a little study in what may be seen as the train rushes along. "Where the road ran open to the fields, breadths of clover, wheat, and barley spread themselves in the beauty of early summer. Where we passed through low banks these were covered with flowers, especially the bright leguminous flowers that grow in chalky soil, pink medick and saintfoin and the yellow vetchling and birds' foot trefoil, and lady's fingers. Further on were purple patches of wild thyme, and the withwind opened its pretty pinkand white flowers in the morning light. In the corn there were poppies, sometimes more poppies than corn. High in air the skylarks were singing; one could hear their song through the rattle of the train. One could hear, also, the twitter of the titlark, which, for lack of a tree, sat on the telegraph wire; in springtime he makes his half circle of flight as he sings, but in summer it seems enough for him to sit aloft and twitter. Where the low thorn bushes and the wayfaring trees began the yellow hammer flew along just ahead of us singing as he pitched, and now and then we heard the thin, sweet note of the linnet."

The father of the illustrious Robert Houdin, a past master in legerdemain, began his son's education by making him walk rapidly past a shop window, and then calling upon him to state what he had seen in that window. It was a lesson in sharp sight. Most of us, particularly town-bred boys and girls, are not only short-sighted, but slow-sighted. Could not something be done after the Houdin manner by utilising the railway as a means of educating the sight? Cricket does a good deal, but a short-sighted boy cannot play cricket. Yet he can see things that pass, and he might be taught to be watchful and observing by some such method as making him write down after a quarter of an hour all he has seen from the line—the flowers, the fields, the trees, the birds, the churches and the farmhouses, the clover and the grain. I recommend the thing as a game; for the children at least it may serve to while away the hours of the journey down to Holiday House.

On Sept. 19 of last year was published in that day's *Daily Telegraph*, under my signature, one of the earliest of the many thousand papers which have appeared on the changes that have taken place during the famous Sixty Years. Be not alarmed, gentle reader. That subject is now closed, so far as I am concerned. I have already done my best to make the younger people understand how great have been these changes. On that same day I received a letter which, after observing that it was abusive, I set aside, intending to look at it some more convenient time. Abuse, if you keep it awhile, grows mellow with age. This letter I entirely forgot until yesterday, when I came upon it. You would like, I am sure, to learn how it appears to some people—I hope not to yourself. And I am sure that the Editor of the *Daily Telegraph* will forgive the disrespectful manner in which the Press, and himself, are spoken of. Now listen:

1. As to Religion: "What is gained," asks this Prophet of Evil, "if Churches of the old money-grubbing, time-wasting forms of religion are thronged with supporters?"
2. On Politics: Charles: They "serve only for the stuff with which immature minds *like your own* spread wrong notions of what goes on in life."
3. On Trade: "Competition and trickery of trade, coupled with the wholesale adulteration of marketable commodities, make it impossible for honest men to be successful traders."
4. On the Press: "It is supported more by fine or superfine liars, than by fine scholars."
5. On the New Surgery: "It fills us with conceit."—Why? "Or a dread of what we eat—the microbes—which we must swallow when partaking of the filthy and adulterated food which is exposed for sale every where throughout England—the dirtiest country on earth."
6. The new great cities Chicago, Melbourne, &c., are the "outcome of wholesale robbery and brutal murder of Aborigines."
7. Considering the gloom of the early years of the century, he compares with it the misery of the present day.
8. He points us as a dreadful proof of modern wickedness, to the little children dancing to the barrel organ in the streets. Poor little lumps of wickedness.
9. After alluding to certain lamentable and undeniable forms of wickedness in the streets and elsewhere, he winds up by lamenting me that his blood boils "to read the nonsense that you have been writing in the *DailyTelegraph*, a paper which has always endeavoured to mislead the public as to the miseries and wrong-doings of life." Now, I had always been under the impression that the *Daily Telegraph* was one of the first papers which called attention to wrong-doings and miseries.

However, there you have it—what another man thinks of it. Yet I stick to my original text.

The story of the Black Hole of Calcutta is familiar to all the world. I wonder how many people have heard of a Black Hole, almost as tragic, which itself its dreadful part a great deal nearer home. It was in the year 1808 that a certain militia regiment, known as the Somerset Fencibles, then stationed at Jersey, was discharged. The men, naturally, were anxious to get home as soon as possible. The quartermaster, therefore, among other arrangements, agreed with the skipper of a small craft of 36 tons, named the John and Elizabeth, to convey 120 of the men to Southampton. The quartermaster appears to have made no kind of inquiry as to the fitness of this small craft to carry so many passengers, nor as to possible contingencies in case of overcrowding or bad weather. He only stipulated that the boat should take on board a supply of water sufficient for the voyage, which, in those days of sailing vessels, might possibly take several days. The vessel received her passengers. Two small casks of water were put on deck for their use. These were naturally finished in a few hours, long before the vessel reached Guernsey. There they took in a little more water and set sail to cross the Channel. But a gale arose. It was necessary—at least the skipper said so—in order to navigate the ship, that the narrow decks should be kept free. They therefore forced the whole of the men—120 of them!—down below into the tiny hold, dark, and without ventilation. They then nailed down the hatchway. This done, they paid no heed to the stifled cries and the knockings at their miserable passengers, but kept them down below, in that crowded hole, without air, light, or water the whole of that night. In the morning, when the storm abated, they opened the hatchway and let out all who survived. Out of the 120 men who went down alive into the hold, there were fifty-seven dead. Of the rest, some were delirious and raving, some were dying. Of this awful tragedy, this night of suffering unspeakable, not much notice was taken; the captain was tried for murder because one body showed bruises, but the case broke down; the quartermaster, who was, as far as we can understand the story, wholly responsible for the calamity, escaped without so much as an inquiry or the censure of the jury, or a court martial. It was a noble time—that of the long war—for the common soldier, the common sailor, the common workman, or anything that was common, mean, unprotected, or poor.

I am glad to have gone on pilgrimage—at last—to Hawarden. The route of my pilgrimage was by way of Liverpool first and Chester next—not the most direct way, but necessary if one has to give an Address at Liverpool first. Hawarden, if I may repeat a thrice-told tale, is about seven miles from Chester. You can drive there in three-quarters of an hour along a level road tolerably uninteresting. The village of Hawarden is, in fact, a little country town; it possesses a hotel, whose visitors come to see the great man; it has shops; it has many public houses; it is a clean, self-respecting, and somewhat picturesque place; on the north side of it is the church; on the south side of it is the Castle; the former still protects the villagers from their ghostly enemy, the latter formerly protected them from their earthly enemy—the Welshman. The pilgrim first visits the former. It is a simple village church, but of great beauty and dignity, although not large. The restorer has been at work, but his interference was clearly inevitable, because the church is built of the same red stone which is used for Chester Cathedral. It crumbles with a correct eye to the picturesque, but it, unfortunately, crumbles too quickly. Within there are many painted windows, notably the "Armenian" window put up and unveiled the other day; there is a monument with a painted window to the late Mr. Glynne; there is a mural tablet giving the names of all the vicars of Rectors of Hawarden for six hundred years—such a monument as one would like to see in every church ancient or modern. Mr. Gladstone's seat is in the Chancel, which is not, one is happy to see, railed off; the lectern at which he reads the *Lessons* is just outside the Chancel; in the seat beside his—he was not in the Church at the time—the Archbishop died. The scene came before one vividly as one stood before the spot—the Archbishop, on his knees, passing away to the words—as to a hymn—of the service he loved so well. What better end could he desire? Outside—the churchyard is very large, but the parish contains 8,000 people—they show you the tomb of W. H. Gladstone—B.1840, D. 1891. We leave the church and drive through the park an undulating stretch of grass and trees, past the ruins of the old castle along to the front of the modern house—doubtless you have seen the pictures of it. That square window at the corner is Mr. Gladstone's study. Most likely he is there at this very moment. He is not seen so often, says the driver, as he was a few years back, when, with his jacket and his broad felt hat and his axe, he might have been seen any morning walking across to the woods. Let us go home. I am pleased to have seen the place, and it is pleasant to think that the veteran statesman, after the storm and stress of sixty years in the stormiest place of the Three Kingdoms, should possess a home of such wonderful beauty and repose in which to spend the evening twilight and to watch the setting sun. May the twilight linger long! May the western glow be slow to fade away!

CYCLING AT HOME.

(BY A WHEELING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, July 16.

The long distance track races, which have been advertised, appear likely to be abandoned. A warning note of the possibility of this course being adopted has been issued by the London County Club, with respect to the Cass Cup 24 hours race; the alleged reason for the action being the impossibility of adhering to the new Union rules, requiring pacemakers to help all and sundry, and not their own particular friends. There is also a sentiment that there is not much of a field and a big risk of a loss. Lack of interest has also led to the withdrawal of a suggested track 24 at Wood Green, and the Catford Club has postponed its race for the Gold Vase for similar reasons. The latter action is hard on J. W. Scanlan, the holder, as it is said to be his last year, and he has only to win it once more to keep it. If a challenge cup race is abandoned, ought not the holder to have a walk over? For, his is the only competition, and it is a match race for a specified time and not a specified distance, he would only need to ride one lap in the 12 hours.

Although interest in the long distance track events has hopelessly waned, there has been, and still continues, keen competition for the twenty-four hours honours on the road. Hardly has Hobein accomplished his ambition of being the first to ride over 400 miles in the day on the road, with 403; he lifted to 414 miles by George Hunt, the well-known Nottingham professional. Hunt had good luck in weather and roads, but dispensed with motor-pacing, relying for part on his old pacemaking chum Hall, and for part on bicycles. Immediately after Hunt, comes the proposed attempt of W. J. Neason, and probably when this is over, Holbein himself will again endeavour to head the list with the biggest total. It is indeed fierce this season.

Reports from some parts of the country tell of men fined for exceeding seven miles an hour. A lord was captured at Bournemouth, and fined half-a-crown for going too fast downhill, his plea being that although he lost control he did no one any injury, and ought not to be fined. That was thought, and doubtless the extortion of two shillings and silence from the noble lord will act as a deterrent to him and other peers of the realm to use their brakes and not to lose their pedals.

At Chelmsford, on Saturday, the Essex County Cycling and Athletic Association held their sixteenth annual meeting, which is unique in being a gathering, quite differing from the ordinary run of athletic festivals. It was held in the grounds of the Bishop of Colchester, and was more of the nature of a garden party than a race meeting. The Countess of Warwick, whether the N.C.U. will make an appeal for official support to cyclists generally, in order to carry the question for final decision to the House of Lords. The definition of passengers' luggage as that which a passenger may take for the use or benefit of his journey, looks as if it might include a cycle as it includes the rod of the fisherman, and the easel of the artist, but on the other hand, as the cycle has been defined as a carriage, within the meaning of the Acts applicable to the Highways, and for the purpose of carrying lights, etc., it is very much open to question what the view taken by the courts will prove to be.

H. C. Horswill is a rider who has long enjoyed a first-class reputation as a rider in local events in Essex, and has done many fine rides on the road and path, in what might not unfairly be termed second class events, and now for the first time he has, with conspicuous success, attempted one of the standard road records of the country, namely, that from London to Bath and back. The previous record was made in 1885, and stood to the credit of W. J. Neason, at 12 hrs. 31 mins. 4 secs., and Horswill's new time is the good beating of 24 minutes, or to be exact, his figures for the double journey are 12 hrs. 6 mins. 30 secs. The distance is about 210 miles.

Mr. Justice Collins has been attending courts in the Welsh circuit on his bicycle, which is even more practical than Mr. Justice Romer joining the Cyclists' Touring Club, and then going round the country by train.

A telegram dated Shanghai, July 20, says:—Lieutenant Harry B. Heygate, of H. M.'S. Algerine, has committed suicide by shooting himself in the heart. Lieut. Heygate was Navigating Lieutenant of the Algerine. He was formerly in the Redpole on the China Station, but was invalided to England, returning in the Algerine after about a year's leave. He was well liked by his comrades in the service. The Algerine arrived at Shanghai recently from Hankow.

THE PRESIDENCY-PARSEE MATCH.

THE PRESIDENCY ELEVEN.

We are now within measureable distance of the first Presidency-Parsee cricket match of the season, and already cricketers throughout the presidency are asking each other who are going to represent the European team against the Parsees on the 20th and 21st August. We have watched the Presidency matches since their first institution in 1892, and have carefully taken stock of nearly all the leading players in the Presidency, and if the Bombay Gymkhana cricket committee (to whom the duty of selecting the XI. has fallen) find our remarks useful in any way, we shall feel that we have not written in vain. We know that cricket committees are usually very chary about taking advice from the newspapers, and we do not wish to thrust our opinions on them in any way; but we simply give our views based upon a careful study of past matches, new material, and present form.

Mr. A. G. Steele in his article on cricket in the Badminton Volume on "Cricket," advises the selection of a team in the following manner:—First choose four bowlers, then a good wicket keeper, and fill up the remaining six places with batsmen. Mr. Steel is one of the greatest authorities on matters "cricket," and one of the best captains that has ever been known, so we cannot do wrong in trying to select a representative XI., in the way he lays down. First of all our four bowlers—a good many names come at once to our mind, and we will discuss each in turn. R. L. Sinclair,

hospital assistants, and others were employed in this operation which has been carried out in a manner which reflects the greatest credit upon the commissioned officers, the assistant surgeons, and the hospital assistants engaged in this delicate work. Not only did we examine passengers leaving Bombay; there was also an examination of all persons entering the city, either by rail, road, or sea, in order that they might not carry with them from their towns and villages the risk of infection. In addition to the examination of travellers by train and of passengers by harbour boats, it was absolutely necessary to examine every passenger who left Bombay by any sort of sea-going vessel, and on inward bound boats, so that Bombay should not be re-infected. In the months of February, March, April, May, June, and July the number of coast-going passengers medically examined exceeded 394,0.0, and as regards inward passengers the number of persons examined was 253,000, making a total of close on 700,000. This examination was of a very thorough character. It was a task of such colossal magnitude, that when it was seriously proposed I quailed before it, because I thought it was practically impossible. But it has been done, and successfully done. So far as I know, there have only been two ocean-going vessels that carried any plague cases from Bombay, and one was a ship for the health of which the medical officers of the Port, Drs. McCartie and Crimmin, were not responsible. A sober-headed Scotch friend of mine said to me a short time ago, that since the building of the Tower of Babel no work so great has been undertaken. Without going so far as to endorse this view, I can say that Dr. McCartie and Dr. Crimmin have carried out the proposed project with the greatest success. To these energetic and tactful gentlemen thanks are due not only in Bombay, but also in the numerous ports throughout the civilized world where the steamers from Bombay go. Another direction in which we had to take precautions, and salutary indeed have been the results, was in the "camp of observation" at the entrance of various towns and villages. The need for such precaution is shown by the success with which Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Mahableshwar, and other places were kept free from the disease. Cases did arise on the confines of those towns, and the travellers were put into observation camps, and in some instances fatal cases of plague occurred.

GENERAL INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY PLAGUE MEASURES.

Thus plague was kept away, and from our experience we know that if it had gained an entrance, it would have been hard to dislodge it, for authorities would probably not have heard of it till many deaths had occurred. I know that in very many cases great inconvenience has been caused by the measures of plague suppression that were rendered necessary. I do not suppose that there is a single member of this Council who has not known something of this inconvenience, which has been felt both by the Europeans and the Native inhabitants of this country. I know this that my own servant, who was with me up and down in these observation camps, and incurred once at least as this have been felt by all alike. But what are these trifling inconveniences compared with the great loss of life occasioned by the plague, and the enormous difficulty of stamping it out when once it has gained a footing? Just look at the case of Cutch Mandvie. For a considerable time they said they had no plague there. But one fine day the mortality barometer went up, and it went on going up until, if my memory serves me rightly, the rate rose to nearly 2,000 per mille per annum. At that rate, the whole population would have been swept away in a incredibly short space of time. We sent coolies, nurses, and doctors, and the Highness the Rao of Cutch helped in every possible way. Supposing that things had been left to take their course, few who had remained in the town would have been saved. Of course, we have had to do many things in a great hurry. Anxious as we are ordinarily to observe routine rules, it was not possible to do so in fighting such a campaign. The time was one for action and not for thinking of ordinary methods of procedure. I am practically certain that there is a general sense of extreme gratitude, shared by all classes of the population for the efforts made to save the population from the destruction wrought by the plague.

PLAGUE SUPPRESSION IN POONA.

I turn now to a subject, that has aroused I considerable attention of late, and that is the work of the Poona Commission in Poona. You will have observed that various questions have been asked in the House of Common. In regard to a petition, purporting to have been signed by nearly 2,000 people. Great capital was made of the alleged fact that both the soldiers and officials connected, and therefore, it was assumed that every accusation in this petition was a fact. Honourable members will, no doubt, have seen the direct contradiction I gave through the mouth of the Secretary of State for India, in the House of Commons, to all the allegations in that petition. From that contradiction I have not a particle to withdraw, more than that, before I sit down I shall show honourable members how baseless, how cruel, how ruthless, were the aspersions made in the petition made. Now, when we commenced our operations we discovered what we only suspected before, namely, the very great hold that plague had in Poona city. At first the fatality returns of the Municipality did not show how bad the situation was. It is obvious that proper measures must be taken, if the city was to be saved from ruin. Before the proper operations were undertaken the inhabitants were dying at something like the rate of seventy-seven a minute an average of eight or nine a day. We had to do for the people what they would not do for themselves—we had to try to save a population. I need not explain on the system on which prevailed. As we all know what it was. A few could manage people to come forward to bring their cases, and as each movement meant the propagation of the disease, we were obliged to let the sick people go and find their patients and take them to the hospital, while those who had been in close proximity to the sufferers had to be removed to observation camps, where they could be under medical observation until it was clear that they had not caught the infection. Wholesale destruction of property, lime-washing and cleansing of the houses, as the inhabitants could not or would not do this for themselves.

THE CO-OPERATION OF INHABITANTS ASKED FOR.

I had held a meeting, to which leading inhabitants were invited, at which I had asked them to organise measures of this kind themselves. It was also most anxious that in Poona as in Bombay, so far as human foresight made it possible, our operations should not be hindered by any unduly harsh measures, or by offending the susceptibilities of the people in regard to the examination of women. I caused the Collector to call together the various heads of the community, Musalmans, Parsees, and Hindus. I explained to them the terrible exigencies of the situation and pointed out what must be done, and I called upon them for their assistance on the best of their ability. Through Mr. Rand I arranged that ladies should be asked to assist the search parties by examining females. I can of my own knowledge bear witness to the fact how loyally and willingly natives as a rule proud of his own knowledge, how anxious Mr. Rand was to find out the weaker points in his organization and to remedy any arrangement which might lead to unnecessary severity and hardship. Very well, what was the result? Before very long a variety of misstatements (were I not in this Council Hall I should call them by a more direct term) were started.

BASELESS ACCUSATIONS.

These misstatements have found their way into newspapers of various descriptions, and they have found their way into the House of Commons. A member of a member whether it was in the petition of the body, styling itself the Deccan Sabha, that this was stated, but stated it was, that on operations commencing so great was the terror caused that the public fled in large numbers. Now, what is the fact? precisely the opposite; no statement could have been more mistaken. Before the measures took place a certain number of people did leave the city, but when it was ascertained how simply, how quietly, how harmoniously, the operations were carried out the people began to come back. No more people left the city, and they began settling down to their avocations. Mr. Rand, with whom I was in constant touch, wrote to me, that since the operations had begun, on the 15th of March, the exodus had stopped. Not only so; long before the operations were over the people were returning in large numbers. Other equally erroneous statements, besides those I have mentioned, were made in the various petitions. I had it from Mr. Rand's own lips and from many other sources that he did make all possible enquiry in regard to the things which were brought to his notice. Not only so, but I sent a statement in the vernacular, pointing out that complaints should be made on the spot, if possible, because identification might be difficult later on. There was every anxiety to get at the bottom of grievances and remedy them. Some people may say that is not the fact, but in reply to that I may say that that is the worst I is good enough for me. Of course the measures to which I have referred were full of discomfort and unpleasant; nobody likes a party of strangers coming to examine their houses, nobody likes to be made to go into hospital, and so forth. But what the people would not do for themselves we had to do for them in the hope of stealing a march on the great enemy, to be defeated enemy.

THE EXAMINATION OF WOMEN.

In regard to one statement I put the words "unbecoming fabrication" into the mouth of the Secretary of State. The statement was that women were brought down into the streets, and stripped to be examined. For this statement there was no foundation whatever. As you are all aware, a great many houses in Poona are extremely dark, and in fact, it is almost impossible to see into them. It was considered necessary, if possible, to get all the inmates of such houses, not always into the street, but into some lighter room or into a court-yard to observation. Again to say that women were indiscriminately the persons were not in good health a medical inspection did cause, but with every regard to decency. Women were examined by women, unless, as was no unfrequently the case, no objection was offered to examination by a competent medical officer. It was, however, reported to Mr. Rand, I think, by a deputation, that this practice was objectionable to a large number of the population. Mr. Rand said "Very well, we must see what we can do" and to the risk of impairing the efficiency of the organization he decided to give up the practice. A still more malevolent invention was the allegation that two women had been violated by British soldiers and that one of them had committed suicide. Well, some silly person has once read that Mr. Lamb was making enquiries into this charge, after I had informed the Secretary of State that it was false, and said it was a pity that I had given this extreme contradiction without having first made these enquiries. The man who made this remark must have been very ignorant of the ordinary way in which business is carried on. What would I suppose that I should go and deny any statements while it was making enquiries as to whether there was any possible foundation for it? I did make such enquiries before I telegraphed to the Secretary of State, and if the man who blames me for being, as he thinks, too hasty in the matter, had read the telegram as given by the Secretary of State in the House of Commons, he would have seen that what I telegraphed was this: "From all enquiries I have made, I am convinced that this is a still more gross and malevolent invention than—that about stripping of women." Enquiries have been made of all the persons attending the search parties, and as far as I have been able to ascertain from their replies, only one of them had ever heard even a rumour of the violation of women, and on inquiry could find no basis for the rumour.

PANDITA RAMABAI'S ALLEGATIONS.

Well, then, I give you another statement this time in regard to the Poona Plague Hospital, started by a person of the name of Pandita Ramabai, that a female plague patient had been seduced at this hospital, and a general statement was made, which I think appeared in a newspaper called the *Bombay Guardian*, that the administration of the hospital was very bad and scandalous. I noticed that statement, and I made inquiries at once, which led me to believe implicitly that not only the particular charge was unfounded, but that I had no reason to feel ideas or complain of the management of the Poona Female Hospital which not only in the charge of commissioned medical officers, but also had three of the most efficient trained English nurses in addition. But it is a curious fact that, with the five hundred women patients that the commissioned officer assumes he had from first to last in the hospital no such complaint ever reached him. The hospital was not closed to visitors, and the relations, male and female, of patients were frequently about and took care of their sick, and no such imputation ever reached that officer. The result of these measures was that in a period of about six weeks we had got the death rate in Poona down to normal from the great height at which it stood—when operations began a rate six or seven times the normal—and within three months the plague was practically exterminated. I venture to say this was done by the unceasing energetic pursuit of the most monotonous, hardest, and most distasteful work that one could be called upon to perform. When you come to talk about discontent we know perfectly well that in every town, even in England, where you have a strong body to administer the health departments you will always have a considerable number of grumblers who dislike being ordered to do this and that, and I am not surprised that grumbling found vent at times; but there was no shred of suspicion to justify such a saying as was reported in certain newspapers, and which I emphatically repudiate. I should like to say a word about the conservancy of the town. I believe it is difficult to imagine the filthy state in which the town of Poona was. I believe now it is in an extremely clean state. But then there was hardly a single soil cart in proper repair, and the night-soil and refuse, instead of being taken to the proper places, was shot out here and there. All this has now been put right, and in a great measure owing to the industrious efforts of the British non-commissioned officers and soldiers, who themselves have done a great deal of the sanitary and disinfecting work which would have fallen under ordinary circumstances into other hands. Now I should like to say all these measures and regulations of which we are met by a certain section of the people of Poona? They were pleased to put in the background all the generous assistance, the voluntary aid, the self-denying energy that was shown by all those who endeavoured to do good, and instead to misrepresent—misrepresent is a mild term—the objects and the measures, and to assume and to put about that they were instigated by cupidity, greed, and what not. Also that long after Mr. Rand had been shot, and when he was lying at the point of death? It was then that this question was prompted and found vent in the House of Commons, and without a word of generous recognition of the energy, the sympathy, he had shown, the untiring and ceaseless watch that he had kept over the plague operations. The feeling that promotes those questions is one which I believe is repudiated by a great proportion of the native inhabitants not only of the Bombay Presidency but also of other parts of India.

PROFESSOR GOKHALE'S APOLOGY.

Then it is true that an apology, and a withdrawal has been made by a gentleman whose name was prominently for a few days before the public, but it is very easy thousands of miles from here to make statements which have not a shred of foundation, but which such a man may deem good enough for the English people—statements which show this and show that. That is very easy. It is also very easy to come back and say "I was misinformed, and I apologise," but the harm has been done in spreading abroad these foul unfounded accusations and attacks, and while I also welcome the apology has been made I might consider the advice that in future, when it is thought necessary as it may be at times to offer criticism—and I have never complained of criticism—if it is necessary, to make statements of that kind they should be made here where they may be enquired into, and if untrue contradicted, and not made so that they gain currency all the world over before an answer can be given. There is another point, one which has attracted the attention of many here outside those who were actively responsible, and who carried out the measures in Poona and other places, but to every place the same remarks does not apply. Few of us are aware of the diabolical imagination that was met with the subterfuges that were resorted to. By

A TRAVESTY OF TERMS

one obstructive individual explained that he was working in the interests of the people. The greatest and the foremost interest of the people was to get rid of the plague, which, as I said, was not killing individuals here and there, but was devastating villages and towns, and obstruction was devised with a crafty ingenuity, the object of which was to defeat the measures which were being carried out and to produce and stimulate discontent. We know very well that this was not done by those who belonged to the poor, uneducated or simple classes, but it was done by some of those who, proud of their education, ought to have known better than to do as they did. They ought to have known that what was being done was to combat this disease. They must have known this, and they knew also the manner in which these operations were being carried out. There were people who surreptitiously moved plague patients from place to place, with the result that they became thus instruments for spreading the disease broadcast. Now, I visited this Hindu hospital. It was not a hospital like the Poona Plague Hospital for the free admission of patients; it was a hospital to which all comers, or a particular portion of them, had to pay for their food and an entrance fee of ten rupees. As far as I was able to ascertain, and I saw the hospital myself, the people in constant attendance at it were not even hospital assistants, and I think the community interested in that hospital might have discovered someone like my honoured colleague, Dr. Balcwadra, who is an experienced member of his profession, who would have given up his time, and worked with the greatest assiduity as did Dr. Bhalchandra in his plague hospital in Bombay, and endeavoured to save the lives and ameliorate the condition of the sufferers. The Mahommedans of Poona have erected, I believe principally as the instance of one individual—for I believe Poona is not numerous in wealthy Mahomedans—a hospital and the friends and relations, as in the general plague hospital, were allowed to visit the patients, and the greatest useful ness was done by that hospital.

THE DECCAN SABHA'S MEMORIAL.

Now I wish to say a word as to the memorial which has excited so much comment, and which comes from a body called the Deccan Sabha a memorial, I explained at the commencement of my speech, the strong point of which was said to be that it included amongst the signatories both Musalmans and Hindoos. Well I have been at the pains of endeavouring to ascertain who the signatories to this memorial were, and I found out of the 1,599 signatures only 221 have been examined. Of those only 114 can be found, the remaining 577 not being found or not traceable or not known. Of these 114 fourteen deny their signatures and the rest say that they were induced by the agents of the Deccan Sabha and the "Dnyan Prakash" newspaper to sign some petition about plague measures. Fifty of them did not know what they were signing, and half a dozen different objects for which their signatures were required were spoken of. One reason was better lighting, another for fixing the price of grain, a third against increased taxes, and fourth for reduction of market rents. Rao Bahadur Bal to was the principal signatory of this list. It was the chairman of the Deccan Sabha and I admire that man's work and his top from first to last, never missing a day of his then to keep up the research parties, and that he never saw any misconduct. Nawab Abdul Khan, another signatory, says he signed merely in his private capacity, never having seen the memorial, not knowing any of its contents, and never having seen any misconduct. He has been pleased to withdraw his name from the list, and I am told the president of the Anjuman-i-Islam. The Mahomedans deny that they have any complaint to make against the plague operations. Now, I have stated the facts of the case. I have spoken plainly, and I began to speak with that intention. The result of all this was that there was a small section in Poona who, with deliberate and unscrupulous untruth and perversion tried to impede our plague operations, then tried to blind the public as to the merits of the splendid work done by the plague workers, and finally tried to blind them to the true antipathy of a cruel and deliberate murder. Now there is

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to all this plague measure. Well, my department and I have devoted such time and attention as I was able to bestow upon the administration of this eleven months in various parts of the country. I would beg leave to say that the whole of the credit for these operations—and I claim that they have been most successful, successful beyond my most sanguine hopes—must depend I upon the vast army of officials of all ranks who have been engaged under the Government of Bombay in carrying out the plague work in various places. In speaking of the officers engaged in plague work I cannot but refer to the numerous—I cannot do anything else—of those two officers.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MURDERED MEN.

As for this one who was shot down, Lieutenant Ayers, it is so distressing that I can hardly allude to it. A boy just commencing his career, beloved by his brother officers and respected by the soldiers whom he had commanded—all I can do is to express what, I am sure, are the sentiments of this Council by saying that we all deeply deplore his death, and we tender our respectful sympathy to the widow he has left behind him. In regard to Mr. Rand again expression almost fails me. I was particularly thrown with the late Mr. Rand throughout the whole of those operations. I heard from him, I think without intermission, daily. I stayed at Poona on two occasions, and I saw him at several other times. I have said, through the Secretary of State, that the Civil Service has lost in that gentleman an able and devoted servant. Again here let us offer our respectful sympathy to his widow, and in face of the baseless calumnies with which he was assailed I will merely say he was a man whose honour was tried to his utmost. Turning to the other officers the Council will observe that it would be impossible to enumerate by name every officer with whom I have come into contact, and to whom I wish to give the praise which has been so well deserved by all. I cannot speak too highly of the way Government have been served—nay the public have been served,—by officers both civil and military; by the medical officers of both the Army Medical Staff and the Indian Medical Service; by the subordinate Government servants; and by the private soldier, both native and European. Also I must speak with gratitude of the vast amount of work voluntarily done by the ladies who assisted us, and by the very large number of English and native gentlemen and by the sisters and nurses. In my remarks on famine I mentioned my honourable colleague's energy and success and the invaluable work of the Chief Secretary, Mr. Monteith. I should like also to say I do consider the Government and the public are under a very great obligation to the officer who is the Secretary of the general department, Mr. Atkins, for the ceaseless work he did, and which these tremendous calamities have entailed upon us. No hours have been too long for him, no matter too trivial to be allowed to escape prompt attention, and never call has been made not only by Mr. Atkins, but by all the men in his office, with an ever present readiness and cheerfulness which merits the highest praise. When I speak of the civil officers I am not forgetful of the deeds performed by so many private gentlemen, European and native, who have greatly contributed in Bombay, Kurrachee, and Poona to render success in the task more easy, but there was not a civil officer in the Presidency who was not unwearied

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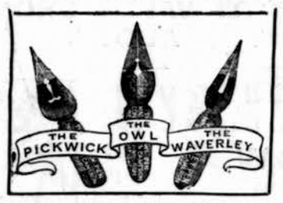

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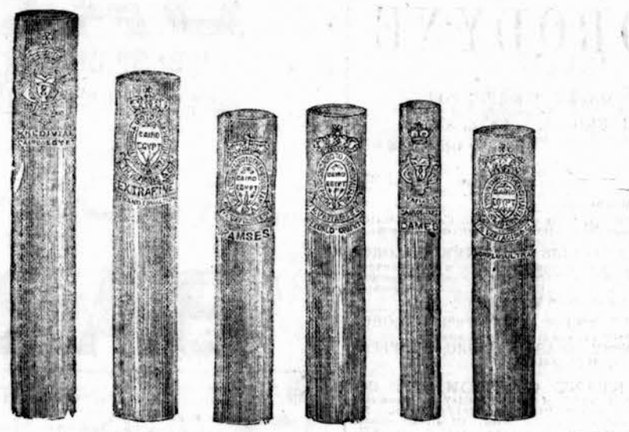

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